

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.



ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM  
FOR THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OF  
IDIOTIC, IMBECILE, AND WEAK-MINDED  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,  
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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‘God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot  
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind :  
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;  
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

‘ Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?  
Their need o’erlooked ? shall Charity pass by,  
Leave them to perish with averted eye ?  
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !’


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OFFICES:

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER;  
EXCHANGE CHAMBERS, BANK STREET, MANCHESTER.

Secretary,—Mr. JAMES DIGGENS.

OCTOBER, 1893.



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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution, such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my Personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

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## PROSPECTUS.

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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile, at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the largest Idiot Asylum in this country, calculates that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably



improved in their habits, and become greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard, in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved. The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 105 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 600 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation. The Institution is under the medical care of a Resident Physician and an Assistant Medical Officer.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.



**VOTES.**—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

**VOTES OF MINISTERS.**—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

**PERPETUATION OF VOTES.**—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

**GOVERNMENT.**—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 589 patients now in the Asylum, 277 belong to Lancashire, 159 to Yorkshire, 55 to Cheshire, 50 to Durham, 19 to Northumberland, 18 to Cumberland, 7 to Westmorland. Four full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Idiot and Imbecile from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. The Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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October, 1893.

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*The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of Idiots and Imbeciles, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.*

# ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR

IDIOTS AND IMBECILES OF THE NORTHERN COUNTIES,

LANCASTER.

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INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864.

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Under the Patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

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## GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT LANCASTER.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held in the De Vitré Hall of the Institution, on Friday, October 13th, 1893;

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN T. HIBBERT, K.C.B., M.P.,  
(*Chairman of the Central Committee,*)

IN THE CHAIR.

The Proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the Chairman addressed the Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and gratefully recognising the steady growth of the Royal Albert Asylum, the success of its beneficent work, and its sound financial position, cordially commends the Institution to the further generous support of the Seven Associated Counties.

Moved by Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee); seconded by Sir Thomas Storey, Knt., (High Sheriff of Lancashire.)

- 2.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their valuable services in past years; and this Meeting in compliance with Rule 24, hereby appoints the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert and the following Gentlemen to be Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

SIR THOMAS STOREY.	ALBERT GREG, ESQ.	WILLIAM T. SHARP, ESQ.
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HENRY GARNETT, ESQ.	EDWARD G. PALEY, ESQ.	

Moved by Edward Lawrence, Esq. (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee); seconded by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Carlisle.

- 3.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Committees and Collectors of the Ladies' Associations, and to the Local Committees, for their able and zealous assistance in promoting the objects of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Moved by Edward S. Heywood, Esq., Manchester ; seconded by Albert Greg, Esq., Lancaster,

- 4.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Samuel Satterthwaite, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. William G. Welch, for their audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, and for their examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account ; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Albert Greg, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. W. G. Welch as Professional Auditor, for the ensuing year.

Moved by Wm. Smith, Esq., M.P., Lancaster ; seconded by E. G. Paley, Esq., Lancaster.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum be held at Manchester, on Wednesday, September 26th, 1894 ; and that notice thereof be given in the Manchester, Liverpool, Lancaster, Chester, York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Sheffield, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers.

Moved by Henry Barnes, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Carlisle ; seconded by the Rev. S. Hastings, Halton.

- 6.—A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by Alderman John Kitchen (Mayor of Lancaster), and seconded by Alderman Wm. Bindloss (Mayor of Kendal.)



A PUBLIC BANQUET was afterwards held in the Winmarleigh Hall of the Asylum, under the presidency of the

### RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, G.C.B.

There was a large attendance of Subscribers and Friends of the Asylum, among whom were:—The Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Central Committee ; The High Sheriff of Lancashire (Sir Thomas Storey, Knt.), and Lady Storey ; Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee ; Sir James Ramsden ; Edward Lawrence, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee ; Alderman the Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, M.A., Vice-Chairman of the House Committee ; Albert Greg, Esq., Chairman of the Finance Committee ; R. A. Allison, Esq., M.P. ; W. E. M. Tomlinson, Esq., M.P. ; the Mayor of Lancaster (Alderman John Kitchen) ; the Mayor and Mayoress of Kendal (Alderman Wm. Bindloss and Mrs. Bindloss) ; the Ven. Archdeacon Hornby : Henry Barnes, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E. ; W. I. R. Crowder, Esq. ; James Cropper, Esq. ; Rev. T. R. Finch ; S. J. Harris, Esq. ; Colonel Marton ; G. W. Maxsted, Esq. ; W. S. Paget-Tomlinson, Esq., M.D. ; E. G. Paley, Esq. ; S. Satterthwaite, Esq. ; Abram Seward, Esq. ; Edward Storey, Esq., &c., &c.

# REPORT

*Presented at the General Annual Meeting,  
held at the Royal Albert Asylum,  
October 13th, 1893.*

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THE Central Committee have great pleasure in presenting their Twenty-ninth Annual Report, and they are particularly glad to meet the Subscribers at the Asylum on the occasion of the Fifth Quinquennial Festival. In glancing at the history of the Royal Albert Asylum, they cannot but recognise with profound gratitude the immense progress which has been made since the First Quinquennial Festival in 1873, when the late Earl of Derby, whose interest in the work of the Asylum was continuous, delivered one of his masterly and sagacious addresses. The project for establishing a Northern Counties Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles was first introduced to the general public at an influential meeting held in the Shire Hall, Lancaster, on the 21st of December, 1864. An estate of 42 acres having been acquired, the Foundation Stone was laid on the 17th of June, 1868, by the late Earl of Zetland, K.T., as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. On the 14th of September, 1870, the late Duke of Devonshire, K.G., presided at the opening of the Brooke Wing, and in the following December, the first three patients were admitted. The completion of the Asylum was celebrated at the first Quinquennial Festival on the 8th of October, 1873. There were then 162 patients; there are now 589. The Annual Subscriptions then amounted to £2,188 9s. 8d.; they are now £4,371 15s. 6d. The Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments was £1,441 14s. 1d.; it is now £4,414 6s. 3d. At that time there was still £27,000 to be raised on General Fund Account for Buildings, Estate, &c. Now the Institution is absolutely free from debt. It has a Freehold Estate of 105 acres. Its buildings comprise the Asylum, with workshops, laundry, and engine house; the

Progress.



Winmarleigh Recreation Hall ; the Rodgett Infirmary ; an extensive group of Farm Buildings, with farm bailiff's house and accommodation for 12 patients ; two lodges, and 15 cottages for employés of the Asylum. In addition, the Committee are leasing an adjoining Farm of 54 acres with a view to increase the home supply of milk, meat, and vegetables, and to provide further useful occupation and training for the patients. It is in no boastful spirit that the Committee record this progress. They devoutly acknowledge that "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it ;" and they gratefully appreciate the most generous support which they have constantly received from the philanthropic public of the Northern Counties. But they trust that a review of past progress may be an incentive to future labours and liberality ; and it is in a thankful and a hopeful spirit that they desire to continue in the good work of endeavouring to lift the veil which obscures the mind of the deeply afflicted imbecile, and to carry brightness and comfort to hundreds of homes where imbecility saddens the lot and paralyses the labours of those who struggle hard to earn their daily bread with resolute independence.

General Annual  
Meeting  
at Carlisle.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at Carlisle under the able presidency of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Bardsley), who earnestly pleaded the claims of the Asylum. The meeting was attended by many influential friends of the Institution, among whom may be mentioned the Chairman of the Central Committee, the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., M.P.; the High Sheriff of Cumberland, the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, the Mayor of Carlisle, the Mayor of Chester, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., M.P., Sir Thomas Storey, Mr. W. C. Gully, Q.C., M.P., Mr. D. Ainsworth, M.P., &c. The meeting was the means of reviving and extending the interest in the work of the Asylum ; and the Committee desire to acknowledge the kind hospitality of the Mayor of Carlisle, and of the two Honorary Local Secretaries, Dr. Barnes and Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, jun. It was gratifying to observe the unflagging interest of the members of the Cumberland Ladies' Association which has, since 1879, rendered important financial and other assistance to the Institution.

An Election of 50 Patients was held, by the kindness of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, in the Old Council Chamber, Guildhall, York, on the 26th of May, at which Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, presided. There were altogether 121 candidates for admission, viz., Lancashire, 41 candidates for 20 vacancies; Yorkshire, 50 candidates for 18 vacancies; Cheshire, 6 candidates for 3 vacancies; Westmorland, 4 candidates for 2 vacancies; Cumberland, 5 candidates for 2 vacancies; Durham, 10 candidates for 4 vacancies; Northumberland, 5 candidates for 1 vacancy. A public meeting, in furtherance of the objects of the Institution, was afterwards held in the Exhibition Building, when his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York presided. His Grace eloquently advocated the cause of the Imbecile, and extracts from this address, as well as from speeches delivered at the Carlisle Meeting, will be found appended to this Report. Mr. Edward Lawrence, Vice Chairman of the Central Committee, gave a most interesting description of the work of the Institution; and the Central Committee was further represented at the meeting by Sir Andrew Fairbairn, the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Alderman the Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, Col. Marton, the Mayor of Chester (Ald. C. Brown), Mr. C. F. Tetley, Mr. J. Hodgson Wright, and Mr. C. France. The forethought and exertions of Dr. Ramsay, Honorary Local Secretary, were most useful in arranging for the meeting; and the Committee are indebted to him and other members of the Local Committee for genial hospitality.

Election of  
Patients  
at York.

Public Meeting  
at York.

The number of Presidents having been much reduced by death, the Committee decided to invite the prelates of the Northern dioceses who were not yet on the list to become Presidents, and they are glad to be able to announce that the following have consented to accept office:

Presidents.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York,  
The Lord Bishop of Chester,  
The Lord Bishop of Carlisle,  
The Lord Bishop of Liverpool,  
The Lord Bishop of Wakefield.



Changes in the  
Central  
Committee.

There have been several changes, through death, in the Central Committee. During the year the Committee have lost the valuable counsel and co-operation of the late Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., who, while resident in Lancaster, rendered excellent service as a member both of the Central and House Committees. The late Mr. Wright Mellor was an active member of the Yorkshire Committee as well as Chairman of the Huddersfield Local Committee. He took great interest in the early movements for securing the support of Yorkshire to the Asylum. The late Mr. John Fielden, of Dobroyd Castle, Todmorden, was one of three brothers who each subscribed £500 to the building fund of the Asylum.

The Committee will much regret the loss of the co-operation of their excellent friend and colleague, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar of Lancaster, who is removing to the South of England. Not only as a member of the Central and House Committees has he given the Institution the advantage of his active assistance and advice, but he has been a zealous advocate of its claims to liberal support. By annually placing his pulpit at the service of the Institution, he has obtained offertories amounting altogether to £296 5s. 5d., and has thus afforded a worthy example to the Clergy of the Associated Counties.

Number and  
Classification of  
Patients.

The number of patients now in the Asylum is 589, of whom 405 are boys and 184 girls. At the date of the last Report there were 605, viz., 415 boys and 190 girls. The average number resident during the year has been 596, and there have been 30 admissions, 29 discharges, and 17 deaths.

The present inmates have been sent from the Associated Counties as follows :—

LANCASHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	277
YORKSHIRE	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	159
CHESHIRE	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	55
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	50
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	19
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
WESTMORLAND...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	7
OTHER COUNTIES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4



They may be thus classified: 311 election cases, 240 reduced-payment cases, 15 full-payment cases, 13 associated and private cases, 7 life-interest cases, and 3 presentation cases.

The Committee would again call attention to the special Brunton House. advantages for private and associated cases afforded by Brunton House, which combines all the comforts of a private home with the facilities for instruction, training, and recreation provided by the Asylum. Miss Studdert, the matron, is assiduous in her care of the inmates. The House is most salubriously and picturesquely situated, and its private grounds are among the most charming in the neighbourhood. Brunton House is in telephonic communication with the Asylum, and is under the same medical and general administration. This Branch Establishment needs only to be more widely known to parents of the higher class of imbeciles to be more generally appreciated and utilised.

In consequence of there having been an outbreak of Scarlatina on the north side of the building, occupied by the girls and junior boys, the Committee, as advised by the Medical Superintendent, have considered it prudent to suspend the admission and discharge of patients. The disease has been of a mild type and almost exclusively confined to the junior boys' department. By the immediate removal of such cases to the Rodgett Infirmary, it has been possible to restrict the spread of the disease; but now that the Asylum is practically full it has been difficult to find, in the main building, sufficient suitable accommodation for the ordinary sick children who have had to be removed from the Rodgett Infirmary to make room for the fever cases. This experience shows that the time is at hand when it will be absolutely necessary to make special provision for the isolation and treatment of cases of infectious disease. The subject has been under the serious consideration of the Committee, and preliminary plans, embodying the suggestions of a Sub-Committee, have been prepared by the Clerk of the Works, Mr. J. Combe. In endeavouring to raise funds to meet this urgent requirement, the Central Committee will confidently rely upon the generous support of the benevolent public who have always liberally responded to appeals for

Hospital  
for Infectious  
Diseases.

means to provide accommodation or equipments for efficiently carrying on the work of the Institution. Happily, through the exceptionally favourable state of the finances in the previous year, owing to a special donation, the Committee had in hand on the 1st of July, 1892, on Estate and Buildings Improvement Account, the sum of £1000 towards the amount required; and this year they have been able to transfer to the same fund an additional £700.

Financial  
condition

The total amount received from all sources during the year, though sufficient for the ordinary necessities of the Institution, has fallen short of the receipts for the previous year. Omitting the Farm and Garden items, the receipts on Maintenance Account have been £20,504 17s. 1d.; including the value of Farm and Garden produce sold, £20,737 11s. 8d. For the Sustentation Fund £2,706 11s. 9d., and for the Estate and Building Improvement Account £14 19s. 3d. have been received. The principal item of decrease in the total amount has been in Legacies, which, in the previous year, reached £4,777 12s. 10d., and this year only £2,506 11s. 9d. The annual subscriptions have also declined from £4,554 16s. 5d. to £4,371 15s. 6d. On the other hand, the interest on Sustentation Fund Investments has increased from £4,242 4s. 2d. to £4,414 6s. 3d., and the payments for Patients from £9,958 13s. 9d. to £10,222 5s. 6d. With regard to Legacies, which are duly invested in accordance with the General Rules, the Committee would remind the Subscribers what an important item of the Maintenance Account is the Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments. Now it is nearly equal to the total amount of the Annual Subscriptions. The Committee trust, therefore, that Legacies will continue to increase, and thus give the finances of the Institution the advantage of stability amid the fluctuations of prosperity to which a great commercial community like that of the Northern Counties is necessarily subject. There are very few charitable institutions in the country which have not suffered a loss of Annual Subscriptions from the depression of trade during the last few years, and, consequently, it is not surprising that there has been a diminution this year in the Annual Subscriptions to the Royal Albert

Legacies.

Annual  
Subscriptions.



Asylum. But the Committee trust that in the coming year this deficiency may be more than compensated by the addition of new subscribers. Considering the population and wealth of the respective counties, there ought not to be much difficulty, with the active assistance of friends of the Asylum, in making a substantial addition to the amount of the Annual Subscriptions. Comparing the following table with the similar table given in last year's Report, it will be seen that the Annual Subscriptions have thus declined: Lancashire, £98 10s. 10d.; Yorkshire, £62 5s. 1d.; Cheshire, £27 3s. 9d.; Cumberland, £12 6s. 0d.; Durham, £1 2s. 8d.; Northumberland, £0 19s. 0d. Thanks to the ability and energy of the Westmorland Ladies' Association, under the leadership of the Countess of Bective, President, and Miss Wakefield, Honorary Secretary, the Annual Subscriptions from that County have increased from £238 15s. 8d. to £258 2s. 1d. The Committee regret to have again to refer to the very inadequate amount received from Northumberland, which contributes altogether only the small sum of £51 19s. 6d. At each election of patients there are many eligible Northumberland candidates for admission, and the Committee have repeatedly called the attention of the Northumberland Committee to the Rule requiring the number of patients in the Asylum from any of the Associated Counties to be proportionate to the amount of the contributions from that county. The earnest and liberal support which the Royal Albert Asylum has always received from the adjoining County of Durham—the organisation of whose Ladies' Association embraces every town and village—ought to have a stimulating influence.

Northumber-  
land.

Reference may also be made to the fact that last year's Donations included the sum of £1,000 from Mrs. Bindloss, of Kendal and Milnthorpe; and in comparing the Donations for the two years this should be taken into account. Although uncertain in amount, donations have always been a very valuable item in the income of the Maintenance Fund. Early in the year the handsome donation of £200 was contributed to the Sustentation Fund by Mr. Thomas Radcliffe, of Blackburn,

Donations.



Contributions  
from the  
Seven Counties.

The Contributions to the Maintenance and Sustentation Funds received during the year from each of the Seven Associated Counties are thus tabulated :—

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.			SUSTENTATION FUND ACCOUNT.			TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions	Donations.	Lega- cies.	Legacies.	Dona- tions.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
LANCASHIRE .....	1395 18 3	175 2 7	.....	501 0 0	200 0 0	2272 0 10	
YORKSHIRE .....	1399 10 10	443 1 11	45 0 0	1190 0 0	.....	3077 12 9	
CHESHIRE .....	524 9 0	42 18 6	.....	.....	.....	567 7 6	
WESTMORLAND.....	258 2 1	54 4 6	.....	200 0 0	.....	512 6 7	
CUMBERLAND .....	306 9 6	35 18 4	50 0 0	615 11 9	.....	1007 19 7	
DURHAM .....	435 6 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	435 6 4	
NORTHUMBERLAND	51 19 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 19 6	
	4371 15 6	751 5 10	95 0 0	2506 11 9	200 0 0	7924 13 1	

Ladies'  
Associations.

The benevolent work of the Ladies' Associations continues to be prosecuted with the utmost zeal and ability ; and, remembering the numerous changes which must inevitably occur among the Staff of Collectors and the difficulty of re-placing tried friends of persuasive power, tact, and perseverance, the financial results are most satisfactory and reflect the greatest credit upon all concerned in the management of these Associations. By the death of Lady Egerton of Tatton the Manchester and Salford District Ladies' Association has lost the great influence and energetic support of its President, whose hearty interest in the Association and in the Asylum continued to the last. The vacancy thus caused has been supplied by the prompt and kind acceptance of the office by Lady Newton, of Lyme Park, Disley. Mrs. Maclure, of The Deanery, Manchester, has kindly associated herself with Mrs. Bridgen in the honorary secretaryship ; and Mrs. J. W. Maclure has succeeded the Hon. Mrs. Algernon Egerton in the Vice-Presidency. No better means of augmenting the funds of the Institution can be adopted than by the formation of such Associations throughout the Northern Counties ; and the Central Committee would again plead for assistance in this direction from Local Committees and other active friends.

The following table shows the amounts collected during the year by the various Ladies' Associations. There has been a falling off to the extent of £95 6s. 3d., in comparison

Amounts  
collected by  
Ladies'  
Associations.

with last year, which has chiefly occurred in the Manchester, Westmorland, and Bradford Associations. In the Westmorland Association, as is usual in the second and third years, the donations have diminished by £54 11s. 2d., but the annual subscriptions have increased by £23 16s. The Cheshire Association is still foremost in its contributions:—

							Annual			Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.		
							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	415	6	0	42	13	6	457	19	6			
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	388	7	4	...	...	...	388	7	4			
HALIFAX	...	...	...	...	...	...	345	5	2	3	15	5	349	0	7			
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT	...	...	...	...	...	...	219	0	6	7	14	0	226	14	6			
„	„	„	„	„	„	„	82	3	9	8	3	0	90	6	9			
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	230	8	6	18	17	4	249	5	10			
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	186	19	6	53	4	6	240	4	0			
BRADFORD	...	...	...	...	...	...	222	11	2	15	19	11	238	11	1			
LEEDS	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	16	0	6	0	6	105	16	6			
YORK	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	14	6	3	14	6	93	9	0			
SOUTHPORT	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	6	1	1	0	12	9	6			
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	0	1	15	6	5	3	6			
THIRSK	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0	...	...	...	2	2	0			
							£2296	10	11	162	19	2	2459	10	1			

A Drawing Room Meeting in aid of the Institution was held in February, at the residence of Mrs. Arthur Laing, Thorncliffe, Sunderland, under the auspices of the Sunderland Branch of the County of Durham Ladies' Association. There was a large attendance of ladies, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Shuttleworth, Medical Superintendent, and Mr. Diggins, General Secretary. The Rev. J. J. Brown presided. A cordial interest in the beneficent work of the Institution was manifested, and specimens of articles made by the patients, as well as illustrative examples of scholastic progress, were exhibited. In this way Ladies' Associations might be formed, and a practical interest in the work of the Institution extended.

Drawing Room  
Meeting at  
Sunderland.

The Countess of Bective, President, Miss Wakefield, Honorary Secretary, with a party of other Ladies connected with the Westmorland Ladies' Association, visited the Asylum last autumn, and were particularly gratified by their inspection of the Institution and of the methods adopted in the training of the patients. The Committee acknowledge

Visit of  
Westmorland  
Ladies.

the kind attention and hospitality shown to these ladies by Sir Thomas and Lady Storey. At all convenient times visits from members of Ladies' Associations will be heartily welcomed, and such visits must tend to stimulate the zeal of all who work for the Asylum.

The following Legacies have been received during the year :—

		£	s.	d.
Legacies received during the Year.	Major Barker, Wakefield ... ..	1000	0	0
	Mrs. Jane Dover, Keswick ... ..	615	11	9
	Miss Bradshaw, Lancaster ... ..	400	0	0
	Mr. Howard Livesey, Lancaster ... ..	100	0	0
	Mr. William H. Rawson, Halifax ... ..	100	0	0
	Mrs. Wilson, Dallam Tower, Westmorland	100	0	0
	Miss G. S. Wilson, Dallam Tower, Westmorland ... ..	100	0	0
	Mr. John G. Hargreaves, Durham ... ..	90	0	0
	Mrs. Elizabeth Ostle, Birkby, Maryport	50	0	0
	Miss E. A. Pendry, Harewood, Leeds	45	0	0

## Investments.

The sum of £1,996 2s. 8d. has been invested in the purchase of £1,210 Great Western Railway 5 per cent. Preference Stock; and £183 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Consolidated Ordinary Stock has been acquired at a cost of £192 3s. 0d.

Collections and  
Offertories.

The list of Clergymen and Ministers who have preached, or given offertories, on behalf of the Asylum is somewhat larger than that which appeared in the last Report, and grateful acknowledgments are due to the gentlemen who have thus assisted the Asylum. But, considering that the present inmates have come from about 200 towns and villages; and that numerous urgent appeals are made to the Committee to facilitate the admission of imbecile children of poor parishioners, it is felt that the list should be greatly extended. In bringing the Institution thus prominently before the Christian public, its claims to support and the benefits it confers are made widely known.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Manchester, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster, per the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.

Rev. W. Armour, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.

Rev. G. Shaw Briggs, Salem Congregational Church, Otley.



Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.  
 Rev. Vickers English, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth, per Rev.  
 T. H. Pain, Vicar.  
 Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.  
 Rev. F. W. Greenhow, East Keswick Church, Leeds.  
 Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.  
 Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church Garstang.  
 Rev. Peter Knowles Warton Parish Church, Carnforth, per Rev.  
 T. H. Pain, Vicar ; also at Priest Hutton Licensed Room.  
 Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford Leigh.  
 Rev. Wm. Sleigh, St. John's Church, Silverdale.  
 Rev. W. Stuart White, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.  
 Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.

Among the most gratifying contributions which are received are the voluntary payments of the parents of election cases towards the maintenance of their children. This year they have amounted to £1025 1s. 9d. ; last year they were £948 2s. 9d. The object of the Committee in encouraging such contributions is to foster the independence of the parents, and the sums subscribed range from 1s. to 6s. per week. A kindly response is always made to appeals for the suspension of such payments owing to family distress or affliction.

Contributions  
by Parents of  
Election  
Patients.

Attention may be called to the following special contributions :—

Special  
Contributions.

A Donation of £200 to the Sustentation Fund, from Mr. Thomas Radcliffe, Blackburn.

A Donation of £30 from Miss Hannah Jackson, Melling.

Drawing Room Meeting at Thorncliffe, Sunderland, on the 21st February, 1893. Collected in the room, £5 3s. 9d.

Part of Proceeds of Children's Exhibition, per Mr. J. R. Bleasdale, *West Cumberland Times*, £5 5s.

An additional Donation of £21 from the Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited ; an additional Donation of £5 5s. 0d. from the Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society. The following Annual Subscriptions have also been continued :—Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, £21 ; Brighouse Industrial Society, £5 5s. 0d. ; Hebden Bridge Industrial Co-operative Society, £3 3s. 0d. ; Halifax Flour Society, £2 2s. 0d. ; Sowerby Bridge Flour Society, £2 2s. 0d. ; Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society, £2 2s. 0d. ; Prestwich Co-operative Society, £1 1s. 0d.

An Annual Subscription of £15 15s. 0d. from the Newbold Friendly Society, Milnrow Road, Rochdale.

Proceeds of a Concert at Rossington, Doncaster, £2 os. 10d., per Rev. J. W. Scarlett ; proceeds of a Concert at Castle Eden, £1 1s., per Mrs. F. G. J. Robinson.

Mothers' Meeting at Bunbury, Cheshire, Annual Subscription, per Mrs. Aspinall, Tarporley, 10s. 6d.; collected at Aldford Girls' School, per Miss Annie White, 15s. 4d.; Mrs. H. Rawson, Middlewich, 'A Thank Offering,' 10s. 6d.; Servants at Ravenscroft Hall, Middlewich, 5s. 0d.; "An Offering to God," Halifax, 10s.

The following Sundry Gifts may also be mentioned :—

3,250 Bulbs of various kinds from Messrs. Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester.

Portrait Group of International Congress of Hygiene, 1891 (Large Photograph), from Mr. Councillor Gilchrist, Lancaster.

Tools for Wood-carving from Dr. Telford Smith, R.A.A.

63lbs. of Pears, from Miss Sherson, Lancaster.

18 Pieces of Orchestral Band Music, from Messrs Morland & Ayrton, Lancaster.

Club-foot Instruments, from Mr. Charles T. Whitley, Stretton, Warrington.

50lbs. of Tea, from Mr. Edward Storey, Lancaster.

Toys, from The Countess of Bective, Underley Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale.

Parcels of Books, Fancy Needlework, Illustrated Papers, Pictures, Scrap Books, &c., from other Friends of the Institution.

Local  
Committees.

The cordial thanks of the Committee are due to the Local Committees who have in the past rendered most valuable service to the Institution. To the Honorary Local Secretaries are such thanks specially tendered. Upon them rests the principal burden of sustaining in their respective districts an interest in the Asylum, and they have always been ready to afford their cheerful aid. Most of them have been connected with the Institution from the commencement of its work, and any resignation is received with sincere regret. The Institution has lost the support of an active friend by the removal of Mr. R. E. Leader from Sheffield to London. Mr. Leader accepted, with Mr. E. Birks, the position of Honorary Local Secretary in 1855. To the Honorary Solicitors to the Asylum, Messrs. Sharp and Son, Lancaster, the Committee desire again to acknowledge their many obligations; and the Honorary Engineer, Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., of London, has always been pleased to place his eminent ability, skill, and experience at the service of the Institution.

Newspaper  
Press.

To the Newspaper Press of the Northern Counties the Institution owes much of its popularity, and the Committee can only reiterate the expression of their hearty gratitude for constant and valuable support.



The average weekly cost of maintenance per head—Weekly Cost. including all office and administrative expenses, as well as building sundries, workshops, repairs, and furniture—has been 12s. 5½d. ; and omitting the last four items, 11s. 9½d. The amounts last year were 13s. 3¼d. and 12s. 6d. respectively. The weekly cost of food and clothing has been 5s. 2¾d., while last year it was 5s. 8d. It must be understood that the cost of maintenance includes both staff and patients. The utmost vigilance is exercised to secure the economical management of all the departments of the Institution, and the Committee regard the result of this year's working as highly satisfactory.

Mr. W. G. Welch, of the firm of Messrs. Welch Brothers, has again audited the Books of Account and Vouchers, and from his long acquaintance with this work his investigations are particularly valuable. The Committee refer with satisfaction to his Official Report prefixed to the Balance Sheets. In this audit Mr. Welch has been assisted by the Honorary Auditor, Mr. Samuel Satterthwaite, who is a member of the Finance Committee.Audit.

The two Farms have again been inspected by Messrs. Wilson and Cottam, who have reported favourably upon their condition and management. The usual valuation has also been carefully made.Farms.

The Asylum is dependent upon the farms for its supplies of milk, meat, vegetables, &c. ; and the value of the produce thus received has been, for the year, £5080 11s. 7d. The supplies have been as follows : 44,704 lbs. of beef ; 3,611 lbs. of veal ; 28,999 lbs. of mutton ; 307 lbs. of lamb ; 12,645 lbs. of pork ; 147 fowls ; 14,622 eggs ; 56,814 gallons of milk ; 10,422 stones of potatoes.

Allusion has frequently been made in these Annual Reports to the urgent need of special provision for the care and training of pauper imbeciles. The number of such inmates at the Royal Albert Asylum, has, of late years, steadily increased, and it now greatly exceeds the limits fixed by the Committee when applications for the admission of pauper imbeciles were first received. Now that the Asylum is full, it is imperative that the number of such cases should be considerably reduced in order to make room for election and other cases seeking admission. It is undoubtedlyPauper Imbeciles.



the duty of the Local Authorities to make suitable provision for pauper imbeciles as well as for pauper lunatics, and the Committee note with pleasure that Boards of Guardians and other Local Authorities are seriously discussing the subject with a view to the practical solution of the difficulty.

After-care of  
Imbeciles.

Meanwhile, it is obligatory that the Committee should reserve accommodation for those imbeciles who are above the pauper class, and whose parents laudably strive to maintain their independence and self-respect. But how easy it is for such imbeciles to lapse into the pauper or semi-pauper class is often illustrated by the difficulty encountered in obtaining suitable employment after they have creditably completed their election term at the Asylum. With the keen competition which constantly prevails in the labour market, it is not to be wondered at that a strong preference is given to the labour of those in sound mental health to that of the imbecile who requires firm but kind treatment and consideration for natural idiosyncracies. His best endeavours and work are necessarily imperfect. And not infrequently, when there are opportunities of employment, the friends of such cases are indifferent or will not exercise the requisite supervision, hoping to secure re-admission for them to the Asylum. Thus from lack of stability of character, persevering industry, or proper supervision, the poor imbecile has to submit to "the whips and scorns of time" and to drag out an existence far below even that of his restricted capacity.

Hopeless Cases.

As hopeless cases of Idiocy are constantly being brought under the notice of the Committee with a view to their admission into the Royal Albert Asylum, it is desirable that Subscribers and Friends should bear in mind that the object of the Institution is the *education and training of its inmates*, and that the resources of such a place are comparatively wasted upon cases whose sad condition gives no promise of alleviation beyond an improvement in physical health and habits. To poor, hard-pressed parents, with families of young, susceptible children it is a great boon and comfort to have the mentally-afflicted child taken care of even for a limited number of years. But when the malady is hopelessly incurable, the

burden must be life-long. What is urgently needed is a Permanent Home where the helpless Idiot—who, alas ! is often also the victim of chronic epilepsy—can receive the tender ministrations of loving, Christian hearts. Thus parental solicitude would be comforted, and the slender resources of the parents utilised for the efficient training of other members of the family.

A Permanent Home needed.

How much can be accomplished by a Training School like the Royal Albert Asylum is evident to all who have watched the processes of education and industrial training and seen the practical results. Every effort is made in the schools to elicit latent intelligence and to find scope for its exercise and development. Habits of attention, order, obedience, and self-control are inculcated. School instruction and discipline are an excellent preparation for industrial training. The farm and garden afford healthful occupation and training in the care of the cattle, pigs, and other live stock, in milking and carting, in hoeing and weeding, in picking fruit and gathering vegetables, in haymaking and harvesting generally. The workshops give many proofs of the successful results of the industrial training. Boys are taught to make, with assistance, tables, cupboards, chests of drawers, wash-stands, wardrobes, &c. Girls are trained in bed-making, sweeping, scrubbing, and other duties of domestic service, as well as to sew and knit. But judicious supervision is always necessary in the Institution, and can hardly, indeed, be dispensed with throughout life.

The Institution is a Training School.

The subjoined letter serves to show that even the more intelligent of the patients are heavily handicapped in the race of life. The writer has, under appropriate training, greatly improved in general intelligence and character, and he has manifested considerable talent for designing and painting. The letter, addressed to the Secretary, who had just recovered from a brief but acute attack of illness, pathetically illustrates the awakening in the simple-minded youth of a sense of the responsibilities of life. The poor lad has attracted the notice of a benevolent member of the Central Committee, who has provided for him an opening in the designing and engraving department of his extensive works in Lancaster.

Letter from a Patient.



Brunton House Scotforth

Lancaster June 28th 1893.

Dear Sir,—I met Sir Thomas Storey this evening and he asked me what was I doing at the mills so I said I was making a design for a photograph and I told him I should like him to come and see how I was getting on so he said he would. I should like to know what they will do for me. I cannot get my living without money. I often get worried about it. I often have chats to Miss Studdert on this matter. If I was to fail I said you would perhaps take me into your office but we know you cannot live for ever. Supposing you were to die suddenly any day where would I get my living. I do wish a place in Lancaster, as a telegraph boy or as a youth in a grocers or stationers shop to serve customers as an assistant. If I was to get a character from you perhaps I might get somewhere, there often advertisements in the Observer. I dare say if I had been in a School of Art years ago I might have been a clever Artist. I love drawing so much. Mr. C. told me months ago he could not pretend to teach me as it is the work that is wanted. So I even do not know how to shade yet. When you kindly paid fees for me at the School of Art you could not do it always. I cannot live here for nothing. The Visitors and Committee have looked at my designs and said they are very nice, but they little know that there might be faults here and there. I have tried to teach myself but it is very hard. I dont consider my drawing good, but I am not fit to send it to South Kensington to get examined. The boys that are in the Studio go three nights a week to the School for 7s. the term. I think my mother or uncle ought to pay for me. If you were to send a bill in to my mother or uncle for my keeping what a sum it would be for I have had food and clothes for nothing. My designs may be good but it is the drawing. Please excuse the bad writing as my pen is bad and I cannot get any pens as I am short of money. It is very hard to do without it. You have been a kind friend to me. I will miss you if you were taken away. I long to live independently of everybody and to support myself and make my way into the world if a situation could be found. England expects every man to do his duty and earn his own bread and clothes. Please let me have an answer at your leisure.

I remain

Yours

truly

S. E. B——.

Lunacy  
Commissioners.

During the year the Commissioners in Lunacy have paid two official visits to the Asylum. In their first Report (November 4th, 1892), they said :

“This Asylum continues, we are glad to report, to be maintained in excellent order, and the charitable and useful work for which it is designed to be fully carried out. We have seen the patients in class, and at their various industrial occupations or drill, and are satisfied that all that is possible is being done to call forth or improve such faculties and powers, physical and mental, as they possess.”



In the same Report the Commissioners expressed their entire agreement with the remarks of the Committee upon the after-care of idiots and imbeciles, which appeared in the last Annual Report of the Asylum. The second Report of the Commissioners (April 22, 1893) was a general confirmation of the first.

Boards of Guardians, and other official and private visitors who have inspected the Institution, have expressed in the Visitors' Book their satisfaction with the arrangements and good order of the building, the educational advantages of the Institution, and the great care bestowed upon the patients with a view to their comfort and improvement.

Boards of  
Guardians.

In the last Report was announced the resignation of the Matronship by Miss Smith, who had filled the office for six years. Miss Chaloner, of the County Asylum, Prestwich, was appointed as her successor, and Miss Agnes Studdert was engaged as Assistant Matron.

Appointment of  
Matron and  
Assistant  
Matron.

It is with sincere regret that the Committee have to announce the retirement of Dr. Shuttleworth from the office of Medical Superintendent. Dr. Shuttleworth was appointed in May, 1870, and took a useful part in the organisation of the Institution which he has served with great ability and fidelity. To the study of idiocy in all its branches he has devoted much scientific research, and the results of his investigations have been highly esteemed by the medical profession. The Committee have thought it only right to mark their appreciation of his 23 years' services by granting him, under the Idiots' Act, a superannuation allowance for four years, and they are confident that this substantial recognition will have the full approval of the Subscribers. It has been of undoubted advantage to the Royal Albert Asylum to have had, from the beginning until now, the same officers at the head of its principal departments. The Committee cordially desire for Dr. Shuttleworth great success in the independent position which he is seeking to make for himself, and in which the ripe experience acquired at the Royal Albert Asylum cannot but be useful both to himself and to the community generally.

Resignation  
of  
Dr. Shuttleworth

New  
Arrangements

Mr. Diggins.

It was inevitable that the retirement of Dr. Shuttleworth should lead to various changes in the management of the Institution, and the questions involved have been the subject of serious consideration on the part of the Committee. In order to secure unity and efficiency of control, they have vested additional responsibility in their General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, whose tenure of office dates back to 1865, and whose practical familiarity with the organisation and administration of the Institution is invaluable at a time of change. Beyond the mere secretarial duties of his office, he has been responsible for the administration of several other departments, and the Committee feel that in appointing him Principal they have not only recognised the value of his past services, but that they have also adopted the best course to secure vigilant and economical management, and to maintain continuity in the work of the Institution. They appreciate the zeal of Mr. Diggins in his undertaking, at their request, additional duties and responsibilities while he will continue to discharge his present multifarious duties. There will still be a resident Medical Superintendent to be responsible for the health of the patients and to direct the educational work.

Dr.  
Telford Smith

Dr. Telford Smith, who has been the Assistant Medical Officer for nearly four years, has been appointed Medical Superintendent. The Committee have confidence that he will discharge his new and important duties with ability, kindness, and zeal, and that, relieved from much of the administrative responsibility, he will be able to devote a fair portion of his time to the work of original research, in which Dr. Shuttleworth has been so signally successful.

Medical Super-  
intendent's  
Report.

The Report of Dr. Shuttleworth will be read with deep and special interest, it being, unfortunately, the last that he will address to the Committee in his capacity of Medical Superintendent. It records his opinion, based on long experience, of the excellence of the work in which he has been engaged for so many years, and gives many instances of the great improvement effected in the patients by the training afforded in the Institution. The practical suggestions which he offers for the extension of the beneficent work will have the careful consideration of the Committee.

In conclusion, the Committee would again gratefully acknowledge the generous support and co-operation of the numerous friends of the Institution, and the Divine blessing which has so signally been vouchsafed to their labours. To the future they look with confidence for similar assistance in their earnest endeavours to sustain their charitable work for the relief of an affliction, the intense distress and burden of which can only be fully known by those who are brought into close and constant contact with it. It is the desire of the Committee that the Royal Albert Asylum may continue to hold a place in the foremost rank of Institutions for ameliorating the condition of the Imbecile.

Conclusion.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,

CHAIRMAN.

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# MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

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*To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

The General Report which I have now the honour to submit is my Twenty-third Annual Report as Medical Superintendent, and comprises the twelve months from August 31st, 1892, to August 31st, 1893.

Number of  
Patients.

During that period 30 patients (19 males, 11 females) have been admitted into the Institution; 29 (22 males, 7 females) have been discharged; and 17 (7 males, 10 females) have died. The number of patients on August 31st, 1892, having been 605 (415 males, 190 females), there are now in the Institution 589 (405 males, 184 females). The average number resident during the year has been 596 (408 males, 188 females); and the aggregate number at some time resident during the period, 635 (434 males, 201 females).

Admissions and  
Discharges  
Deferred.

Though the average number resident (596) has been higher than in any previous year, and the Asylum has been for the most part filled to its utmost capacity, there has recently been a slight diminution in the population, owing to the delay in admitting the patients elected at York necessitated by the occurrence during May, June, and July of a series of cases of mild scarlatina in the Institution. For the same reason, only such discharges as have specially been desired by friends have been effected.

The incidental admissions have been those of payment and of pauper cases ; and in selecting the latter care has been exercised to admit as far as possible only *improvable* cases, in spite of considerable pressure on the part of Boards of Guardians to obtain for their miscellaneous juvenile imbeciles the advantages of a specially-adapted Institution. This commendable disposition may perhaps encourage the County Councils to provide such accommodation, especially of a custodial character, in connection with new Asylum schemes ; and it may not be amiss to recall the fact that the 241st clause of the Lunacy Act, 1890, expressly sanctions separate provision for " Idiots " by local authorities. The matter is forced into prominence by the necessity that now exists for reducing the number of pauper inmates in order to make room in the Royal Albert Asylum for election cases. It is also brought to mind whenever an improved pupil passes from the Institution into the Workhouse, in default of parental care and protection. Amongst our discharges this year was that of a young woman of 24, who after eight years' training had become skilled in household work, and seemed well fitted for a situation as domestic servant under a considerate mistress. Yet, her mother being dead, and her father unwilling to undertake the responsibility for his daughter, it was necessary for her on leaving the Asylum to enter the Workhouse of her Union. In another case, a boy, who from being idle and untrustworthy, had become an industrious and expert tailor, was recently removed to his Union, where it is hoped he will continue to practise his trade, though it seems highly undesirable that he should become too familiar with ordinary pauper surroundings. As has frequently been urged in former Reports, a measure of kindly supervision is usually called for, even with improved cases, to enable them to earn their livelihood, whilst for the majority a life-long tutelage is necessary. From economical as well as from benevolent motives, the establishment of industrial homes of an inexpensive character seems to be the necessary complement to training institutions for the imbecile class. It is not often that an ordinary employer will tolerate for long the inherent peculiarities of the imbecile who has learnt a trade ; and instances have occurred where dismissal has been the consequence of some indiscretion of a venial character, considering



Self-supporting  
Patients.

the mental calibre of the employé. On the other hand, it is a matter for satisfaction that not a few of our old pupils hold their own and make their way in the world ; and as examples I may mention the cases of the young tailor, referred to in previous Reports, who is now earning 16s. a week and helping to keep his widowed mother ; and of the Burnley scavenger, who reports that he has had his wages raised during the year. Of a girl, employed in housework at home, it is reported that she is "attentive to duties, useful, amicable, and obedient ;" and of a lad discharged last year his father writes that he is "employed at a printer's, going errands and helping in the paper room, for 6s. a week, and that he is improved since he went to work."

Death-rate.

The death-rate this year has been 2·85 per cent. on the average number resident, or 2·67 per cent. calculated on the aggregate number under care. Last year the corresponding figures were 3·1 and 2·7 ; and since the opening of the Institution in 1870 the average annual mortality has been at the rate of 3·3 per cent. on the average number resident, or 2·8 per cent. on the aggregate number. Though the Institution has not entirely escaped from zymotic disorder, there has been no mortality from this cause, and the general sanitary condition has been well maintained. With three exceptions the deaths were all due to some form of tubercular disease, pulmonary phthisis being the most frequent cause. Predisposition to such disease is undoubtedly common with the feeble-minded class, consumption and its congeners appearing in no less than 24 per cent. of the family histories of our patients. In two of the exceptional cases, fluid rapidly effused upon the brain, was the cause of somewhat sudden deaths (more than a pint of effusion being found in one instance) ; in the third, death resulted from the consequences of congenital imperfection of the heart.

Scarlatina  
outbreak.

After five years immunity from serious infectious disorder, it is hardly a matter for surprise that with so many susceptible children gathered under one roof, it was found impracticable entirely to prevent the spread of scarlatina introduced by new patients admitted last May. Happily, however, the cases were mild, and were, with two exceptions, limited to one department, that for Infant Boys. The number did not exceed 15 ; but the accommodation reserved for isolation purposes on the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary being limited to 9 beds, it became necessary, towards the end of June, to clear the lower wards of ordinary invalids in order to devote the whole space to infectious cases.



As anticipated in my last Report, it was difficult to find adequate accommodation for the displaced patients in the already crowded main building: indeed it only became possible to do so by temporarily using the spacious playroom under the Winmarleigh Hall as a dormitory for some of the more robust children. This expedient was favoured by the exceptionally fine weather we have enjoyed, but in the winter season it would be most inconvenient, as it would deprive the Girls and Infants of much-needed and highly-valued provision for exercise and recreation. Information as to iron and other temporary structures, suitable for isolation hospitals, was submitted to the Central Committee, in view of the scheme set forth in their last Annual Report; but a Sub-committee appointed to consider the matter in detail have recommended a more permanent building, the early erection of which I would respectfully urge as indispensable to the satisfactory sanitary administration of this large establishment. During the ten years of its existence the Rodgett Infirmary has proved of inestimable value, supplying the means, not elsewhere afforded in the building, of arranging for the ordinary sick in a systematic manner, whilst more than once the reserved accommodation on the upper storey has sufficed to check the spread of infectious disease through the prompt isolation of initial cases. But, with the Institution full to its utmost capacity, something more is needed, for it is not always possible to restrict within narrow limits infectious disease once introduced into a community of children feeble physically as well as mentally. It may not be amiss to mention in this connection the necessity of great care on the part of visitors, whether to patients or to the Institution, with regard to bringing with them children who have recently suffered from any infectious ailment, actual experience having lately called attention to this matter.

The scarlatina outbreak at the Asylum occurring at a time when arrangements are usually made—(some weeks in advance)—for the annual home-going of the patients in August, it was thought prudent to defer these arrangements whilst there was a risk of infection being carried from the Asylum; and ultimately the usual holiday was abandoned. This decision was reluctantly arrived at by the Committee, partly in consequence of the ascertained prevalence of infectious disorders in various districts where the homes of patients were situated. I desire gratefully to acknowledge the kind courtesy with which a circular letter which I addressed to many of the Medical Officers of Health in the Northern Counties was received and replied to, and need

hardly say that the authentic information which they were good enough to furnish as to the sanitary condition of their districts was of the utmost value.

Scholastic and  
Industrial  
Training.

There is little new to record in connection with the scholastic and industrial training, which has proceeded steadily on the old lines under the same staff of Teachers and Instructors. The arrangements of the Girls and Infants' School were temporarily interfered with by the scarlatina outbreak, the attendance of several classes being suspended during its prevalence. As a consequence, also, it was deemed undesirable to send to the annual Industrial Exhibition in Lancaster the Needlework and Kindergarten specimens usually contributed by these pupils; but the Senior boys exhibited as usual, and their work attracted considerable attention, as will appear from the following paragraph from the *Lancaster Observer* of August 25th:—

“Amongst the collection in the handicraft division which excited sympathetic interest were productions by children of the Royal Albert Asylum, and it must have been gratifying to Mrs. Blades to witness such excellent competition from that noble Institution for the prizes she offered. Of wood-carving there were several capital specimens of work of afflicted patients exhibited, one consisting of a handsome panel by John Berry, a lad suffering from spasmodic paralysis; an excellent cupboard by Robert Evanson; a bookcase by Alfred Wrighton; and a fretwork tray by James Porter. All bore evidence of considerable ingenuity. There were also two good specimens of macrame work, for one of which Ernest Nuttall received a prize; besides which there were a pair of trousers, a pair of boots, each very well made, and prizes were obtained by S. Pontefract, Isaac Godden, and Walter Potts.”

It should be mentioned that the wife of a member of the Committee very kindly offered £1 to be distributed in special prizes for articles made by children at the Asylum.

Entertainments  
and  
Excursions.

As in former years, musical, dramatic, magic-lantern and other indoor Entertainments have been regularly given during the winter season in the commodious Winmarleigh Hall, and the monthly dances have been much appreciated both by patients and staff, especially those of the gentler sex. At Christmas the Fairy Opera “Cinderella” was revived, some additions having been made to the version previously performed, many of the subordinate parts being taken by the children themselves. The fine weather of the Spring and Summer months has favoured out-door recreations, and cricket has been vigorously played by the boys, and, (in a milder form) by the girls also. Owing to the children having been kept at the Asylum in August instead of visiting



their friends, two large pic-nic parties were organised to Cockersands Abbey, no less than 246 patients participating. Both days being fine, the five miles drive in wagonettes, and the five hours spent at the sea-shore, were much appreciated by all concerned, and loud were the expressions of gratitude for the treat thus afforded by the liberality of the Committee. A word ought also to be said in praise of the out-door gala held on Whit-monday in the fields on the western slope of the hill behind the Asylum Farm, when sports of various kinds are indulged in by the children, and an *al fresco* tea is taken amidst most picturesque surroundings.

Four of the Brunton House pupils, whose friends offered to defray the expenses of a holiday, have this year had a very pleasant sojourn at the sea-side, comfortable lodgings having been secured for them at Hest Bank. Here, in charge of an experienced attendant, they had the opportunity of making excursions to various places of interest in the neighbourhood, such as Silverdale, Grange and Cartmel; and in health they derived much benefit from the change. This novel departure suggests the idea that in many cases, especially amongst the scrofulous class of children so numerous here, sea-air and sea-bathing would be beneficial, and perhaps it may someday be possible to secure for the use of the patients a cottage on the coast where these advantages would be readily available.

Sea-side  
Quarters.

The Annual Excursion of the Staff, instituted in 1890, was organised as usual, in two divisions, and took place on the 14th and 16th of June. The weather being all that could be desired on both occasions, the trips to Ambleside, this year varied by coach-drives from the Ferry viâ Hawks-head, were immensely enjoyed, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. There can be no doubt of the salutary influence of this generous provision on the part of the Committee, the brightening influence of which upon the Staff re-acts favourably also upon the patients, who always show a most sympathetic interest in the day's proceedings.

Staff  
Excursion.

During the winter opportunity was given to such of the Staff as had already gained certificates in Ambulance work to continue their training, monthly meetings for practice being held under the direction of one of the Medical Officers. Surgeon-Major Hutton (organising commissioner to the St. John Ambulance Association) conducted the re-examination last April, and 7 medallions and 1 intermediate certificate

Ambulance  
Work.



were awarded to the candidates, all of whom passed. These distinctions were distributed on August 30th in the Winmarleigh Hall by the High Sheriff of Lancashire (Sir Thomas Storey), Surgeon-Major Hutton being also present, and giving an interesting address on the charitable work of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem in England. Since the institution in 1885 of Ambulance Classes at the Asylum, about 150 members of the Staff have received instruction; and altogether 43 medallions, 91 "First Aid" certificates, and 27 certificates in "Nursing" have been awarded.

Medical  
Observations.

Amongst matters of medical interest I may mention the visits to the Institution of Dr. Lloyd Francis, soon after his appointment to the post of Medical Superintendent of the Earlswood Asylum; and of Dr. Ramsay, of York, Honorary Local Secretary to this Institution. At the suggestion of the latter I had the opportunity, of which I gladly availed myself, of delivering before the York Medical Society an address on "Some of the Pathological Characteristics of Idiocy," illustrated by photographs and specimens. I may mention that the Asylum now possesses an interesting collection of preparations and casts which might well form the nucleus of a museum of considerable scientific value. With regard to medical treatment, it has been gratifying to watch the beneficial results obtained in two cases of "Sporadic Cretinism" by the careful administration (under the direction of Dr. Telford Smith) of the thyroid gland of the sheep, both patients already displaying marked improvement in physical and mental activity. Trials of reputed remedies for epilepsy have also been systematically made, though, I regret to say, with but little success.

Changes  
in  
Staff.

The only change of importance amongst the Staff has been the appointment of Miss Chaloner (who had had several years experience at Prestwich Asylum) as Matron, and of Miss Agnes Studdert as Assistant Matron, provision being thus made for the constant presence of a superintending female officer. Most of the heads of departments have long records of faithful service in the Institution, Mr. E. Woods, the Schoolmaster, and Mrs. Harley, the Head-nurse, having occupied their respective positions from the first, with much advantage to their charges, and credit to themselves.

Acknowledg-  
ment to  
Staff.

It would be impossible to name in this Report all those to whom I feel that acknowledgments are due for the admirable manner in which they have conducted their own

special departments of work in the Institution, and it must suffice to say that no Superintendent could possibly have a more devoted band of helpers than the present Staff of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Twenty-five years' experience in the work of ministering to the feeble-minded—23 of which I have spent at the Royal Albert Asylum—has convinced me how much may be done for the amelioration of the sad condition of the imbecile class by patient and persevering endeavour. Notable instances of improvement have been from time to time recorded in successive Reports, and the attainments in school and industrial work are regularly tabulated. But it must not be thought that these form the sum total of the good results gained: the improvement of personal habits, the development of self-helpfulness, and the cultivation of the moral sense, are indeed achievements of considerable importance alike to the imbecile and to those about him. To redeem the poor idiot from that isolation which is characteristic of his lot, and to place him in more or less harmonious relations with his surroundings, are objects involving physiological and psychological problems of the utmost interest. But to quote the words of one who may be regarded as the founder of the physiological method of educating the idiot—I mean Dr. Edouard Séguin—"To make the child feel that he is loved, and to make him eager in his turn to love, is the end of our teaching, as it has been the beginning. . . . For our pupils, science, art, education, medicine, philosophy, each may do something; but love alone can truly socialise them; those alone who love them are their true rescuers."

Personal  
Experience of  
Work amongst  
Imbeciles.

I cannot contemplate the approaching severance of my long connection with the Royal Albert Asylum without feelings of regret, as I shall acutely feel the separation from old colleagues, and from the Institution family. From Mr. Diggins, with whom I have been associated since 1870 in the work of the Asylum, I have ever received sympathetic co-operation in all schemes conducing to the welfare of the inmates, whilst Dr. Telford Smith, who has been for nearly four years Assistant Medical Officer, has been an esteemed and valuable coadjutor, and I rejoice to hear that his services are to be retained for the Asylum.

Conclusion.

To the Central Committee I desire once more to express my gratitude for the invariable courtesy and consideration experienced at their hands, and more especially for the

substantial evidence of their liberality recently accorded me. No one can be more conscious than myself of the imperfections of my work at the Asylum, but I shall ever be proud of my connection with the beneficent and noble Institution founded by Dr. de Vitré and his colleagues. That it may under Providence prosper in the future even more abundantly than it has prospered in the past is my heartfelt wish.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

Medical Superintendent.

Royal Albert Asylum,

September 8th, 1893.

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# CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

## ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

*(Not previously reported.)*

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### SENIOR BOYS.

A. (1318). Admitted March 1889 aged 14. When admitted, spoke very badly, knew only some of the letters, worked addition imperfectly, knew the simple colours and some compound shades. Owing to paralytic affection could do little more than scribble. Now has improved in speech, reads fairly well, writes letters to his friends without help, works easy sums in all the simple rules and in compound addition and subtraction, tells and matches most colours, and has greatly improved in general intelligence.

B. (1535). Admitted July 1892, aged 18. Knew only a few letters, made strokes and easy letters on slate, knew the value of unit figures, but could not add, and could not tell any hour on the clock. Now reads easy words and spells them, makes strokes and curved lines in copy book, works easy addition sums, tells the hours and five minutes, and has become more orderly, and improved in general intelligence. He has also become a useful worker in the Garden.

C. (1576). Admitted July 1892, aged 12. Knew only the letter O, made strokes on slate, knew the value of unit figures, but could not add, told a few hours, a few coins, black and white, and the names of some articles of clothing, &c. Now reads a few easy words, forms easy letters in copy-book, works easy addition sums, tells all the hours, all the coins and some weights, one or two simple colours, and has improved in general intelligence. He does useful industrial work in the Garden.

D. (1105). Admitted November 1886, aged 15. Knew only the letter O, made strokes and very easy letters on slate, counted a little, could not tell any hour on the clock, knew a few common objects, and a few sentences of the Lord's Prayer. Now speaks much better, reads a few words, writes letters home fairly well, works easy addition sums, tells a few hours, draws fairly well, knows perfectly the Lord's prayer, and has improved in general intelligence. He also works well in the Shoe-shop, where he is employed in "closing uppers."

### GIRLS.

E. (1265). Admitted April 1880, aged 6. When admitted was a very dull girl, without any educational attainments. Being afflicted with extreme spasmodic paralysis of most of her muscles, and being unable to articulate, and also partially deaf, her chances of improvement were apparently small. Now articulates a few sounds, knows all her letters, works simple addition sums, writes letters home, can tell all the hours on the clock, knows the coins and weights, and can calculate a little, distinguishes all the common colours, and can match them, and is very good at Kindergarten work. She has gained such control over the spasmodic movements of her hands that she can do needlework and knitting excellently. She is very active and observant, and most useful in household work,

F. (1550). Admitted July 1892, aged 13. On admission she could speak fairly well, knew a few letters and made strokes on a slate; had very little knowledge of shop or clock lessons, and could not distinguish black and white; had no idea of Kindergarten work, and scarcely knew how to hold a needle. Can now speak very well, reads easy words, writes simple words in a copy-book, can tell a few hours and coins, distinguishes all the common colours, is fairly good at Kindergarten work, and can hem very neatly. She is much brighter in every way and takes great interest in the industrial lessons.

G. (1466). Admitted August, 1891, aged 14. Could speak very well, but was reserved and shy with her companions. Although she had been taught to read easy words and write fairly well, had not much knowledge of other subjects; could not tell the time, and hardly knew one coin from another. She now reads any easy book, writes letters home, works simple addition sums, can tell the time to five minutes on the clock, knows most of the coins and weights, and has done some very fine paper stitching, knitted a pair of gloves, and worked several fancy articles in felt-work. Until recently she has taught a small class herself and given assistance in musical drill.

#### INFANT BOYS.

H. (1527). Admitted April, 1892 aged 8. At first he was very shy and inclined to be fretful. He knew a few letters and could write them, understood the value of units, but could not work sums; could do a little work, but was awkward with his hands. He is now quite bright and active, answers questions very intelligently, reads easy words from a book, writes a good copy in copy-book, works simple addition sums, can tell all the hours of the clock, can name and match all simple and compound colours; is very good at Kindergarten work being able to copy patterns in paper-folding and plaiting from designs in the book; can sew very neatly, and has a little knowledge of notes and time in music. He is also very useful in industrial work, makes beds, sweeps, and helps with the feebler patients.

I. (1250). Admitted August, 1888, aged 8. Could only articulate a few sounds, did not know any letters, but could count a little and make strokes on a slate; had no idea of clock or shop lessons, and could not tell which was black and white; spent most of the time in school playing with bricks and listening to the music. He is now one of the most intelligent boys in the Infant School. Although he does not speak plainly, he has improved sufficiently to be understood by his teacher. He reads easy words, writes very well in a copy-book, understands the value of units, can tell the hours and quarters on the clock, knows most of the coins and weights, distinguishes all common colours, sings with the children, and is very good at musical drill. He is very proficient at Kindergarten work, and can copy designs from the book.

K. (1531). Admitted April, 1892, aged 10. Was a very dull boy, and if spoken to would put his hands up to cover his face. Spoke very indistinctly, and, if required to do anything, did not appear to understand what was said to him. Has now learnt to speak more distinctly, reads easy words and writes in a copy-book, counts to over thirty, knows a few hours on the clock, can distinguish all the common colours, is fairly good at Kindergarten work, and does musical drill very well indeed. He also makes himself useful at dormitory work, and can undertake simple messages.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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LANCASTER, 4th SEPTEMBER, 1893.

In again presenting a Report at the conclusion of the audit of a year's accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, I have pleasure in testifying to the care and accuracy shown in the keeping of the many books of account.

In the statement of Maintenance Account a change has been made in the mode of showing the results of the operations on the Farms and in the Grounds and Garden, the Finance Committee having decided to bring into the accounts the balances, instead of placing the receipts on the one side and the expenditure on the other, and thus, as they consider, incorrectly representing the proper totals of the Account.

Of the past year's changes in Maintenance Account, the most important are increases in Payments for Patients and in Interest on Investments, and a decrease in Annual Subscriptions. Notwithstanding an increase of 15 in the average number of Patients, three important items of Expenditure show decreases—Provisions, Coals and Clothing. The reduction in prices will chiefly account for this diminution.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has received, by transfer from Maintenance Account, a sum of £700, making the balance in hand £1,714 19s. 3d.

The Sustentation Fund Annual Account has received in Legacies £2,506 11s. 9d., and in Donations £200. In company with the honorary auditor, Mr. S. Satterthwaite, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and found them in proper order.

W. G. WELCH, AUDITOR.



MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1892,

Receipts.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1892	...	...				685	6	9
„ Donations	...	...	751	5	10			
„ Legacies under Fifty Guineas	...	...	95	0	0			
„ Annual Subscriptions	...	...	4,371	15	6			
„ Payments for Patients	...	...	10,222	5	6			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	...	...	4,414	6	3			
(Including £13 15s. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")								
„ Interest on Bank Deposits	...	...	49	12	4			
„ Rent	...	...	202	7	6			
„ Sundries	...	...	398	4	2			
						20,504	17	1
„ Farm Produce	{ Supplied to the Asylum...	£5,080 11 7						
	{ Sold	230 12 0						
		5,311 3 7						
Less cost of Stock, Provender, &c.	...	4,729 9 8						
		581 13 11				581	13	11

£21,771 17 9

Examined and compared with the Books of Account  
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—4th Sept., 1893.  
W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.  
SAMUEL SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,  
to June 30th, 1893.

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Expenditure.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Carlisle, Meeting at York, and of Local Committees, &c. ...		135	17	2			
„ Expenses of Election at York ... ..		54	1	4			
„ Printing 5,500 Twenty-eighth Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery ... ..		176	2	9			
„ General Advertising... ..		32	2	0			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Voting Papers, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c. ...		81	3	5			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage and Petty Cash Sundries ...		143	2	10			
					622	9	6
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £849 0s. 7d. Expenses ... .. { Asylum £6,294 19s. 5d. }		7,144	0	0			
„ Provisions ... { Purchased ... .. £1,987 3s. 10d. From Farm... .. £5,080 11s. 7d. From Garden ... .. £215 13s. 7d. }		7,283	9	0			
„ Necessaries: Coals ... ..		1,046	5	4			
Gas ... ..		287	14	1			
Water... ..		230	10	9			
General ... ..		278	4	2			
„ Clothing ... ..		793	18	8			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. ... ..		91	7	3			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery ... ..		27	19	10			
„ Asylum Postage ... ..		10	7	10			
„ Insurance ... ..		79	18	6			
„ Maintenance Sundries ... ..		379	2	7			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..		485	6	4			
„ Building Sundries ... ..		184	14	1			
„ Furniture: General ... ..		78	19	2			
Ironmongery ... ..		32	15	6			
Bedding... ..		203	4	2			
House Linen ... ..		24	11	2			
Crockery and Sundries ... ..		35	17	1			
					18,698	5	6
„ Property Expenses ... ..					58	19	10
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.... ..					29	14	10
„ Grounds and Garden Expenses ... .. £447 16 10							
Less value of Produce:							
Supplied to the Asylum ... £215 13 7							
Sold ... .. £2 2 7							
		£217	16	2			
		£230	0	8			
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account .. ..					230	0	8
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1893 ... ..					700	0	0
					1,432	7	5
					£21,771	17	9

## ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1892,

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Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1892	... ..	1,000	0	0
„ Bank Interest	... ..	14	19	3
„ Maintenance Account	... ..	700	0	0
		<u>£1,714 19 3</u>		

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*Audited and found correct.—4th Sept., 1893.*

W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

## SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1892,

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Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1892	... ..	198	0	3
„ Legacies	... ..	2,506	11	9
„ Donations	... ..	200	0	0

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£2,904 12 0*Audited and found correct.—4th Sept., 1893.*

W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SAMUEL SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.



## IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1893.

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## Expenditure.

By Balance a Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1893	...	...	£	s.	d.
			1,714	19	3

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£1,714 19 3


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## ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1893.

Cr.

## Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments :—						
£183 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Consoli- dated Ordinary Stock	192	3	0			
£1210 Great Western Railway Preference Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent.	1,996	2	8			
				2,188	5	8
Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1893				716	6	4

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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		1891—92.		1892—93.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		Average No. of Patients 581.		Average No. of Patients 596.					
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Donations .....		1815	11 7	751	5 10				
Legacies under Fifty Guineas .....		72	1 7	95	0 0				
Annual Subscriptions .....		4554	16 5	4371	15 6				
Payments for Patients .....		9958	13 9	10222	5 6				
Interest on Sustentation Fund .....									
Investments .....		4242	4 2	4414	6 3				
Interest on Bank Deposits .....		76	13 4	49	12 4				
Rent .....		206	5 0	202	7 6				
Sundries .....		433	8 2	398	4 2				
Farm (Value of Produce, less cost of Stock, Provender, &c.) .....		695	12 3	581	13 11				
		22055	6 3	21086	11 0	458	12 3	1427	7 6
NET DECREASE £968 15s. 3d.		586	6 8	685	6 9				
Balance at beginning of year.		22641	12 11	21771	17 9				

EXPENDITURE.		1891—92.		1892—93.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		Average No. of Patients 581.		Average No. of Patients 596.					
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Public Meetings, and of Local Committees, &c. .....		131	3 9	135	17 2			4	13 5
Election Expenses .....		51	0 2	54	1 4			3	1 2
Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery .....		175	5 1	176	2 9				
General Advertising .....		25	8 6	32	2 0			0	17 8
General Postage .....		89	2 2	81	3 5			6	13 6
Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rent, Rates, Gas, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries .....		152	14 8	143	2 10				
Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses .....		6975	1 0	7144	0 0			168	19 0
Provisions .....		7516	16 4	7283	9 0				
NECESSARIES:—Coals .....		1280	16 10	1046	5 4				
Gas .....		258	19 6	287	14 1			28	14 7
Water .....		231	11 5	230	10 9				
General .....		259	9 5	273	4 2			18	14 9
Clothing .....		1059	1 11	793	18 8				
Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. ..		124	1 2	91	7 3				
Insurance .....		79	18 6	79	18 6				
Sundries .....		461	4 8	417	10 3				
Workshops, Repairs, &c. ....		581	7 1	485	6 4				
Building Sundries .....		186	19 9	184	14 1				
FURNITURE:—General .....		105	3 11	78	19 2				
Ironmongery .....		7	5 10	32	15 6			25	9 8
Bedding .....		265	17 0	203	4 2			6	13 10
House Linen ....		17	17 4	24	11 2			4	9 8
Crockery & Sundries .....		31	7 5	35	17 1			21	10 11
Property Expenses .....		37	8 11	58	19 10				
Bank Interest, Commission, &c. ..		35	6 7	29	14 10				
Grounds and Garden Expenses, less value of Produce .....		213	12 7	230	0 8			16	8 1
Estate and Buildings Improvement Account .....		1602	4 8	700	0 0				
NET DECREASE £1616 15s. 10d.		21956	6 2	20339	10 4	306	6 3	1923	2 1
Balance at end of year .....		685	6 9	1432	7 5				

*Examined and certified to be correct.*—4th Sept. 1893.  
W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

## SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS,

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18740	14	4	225	10	6
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11004	2	1	213	5	0
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9928	19	9	472	8	0
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9623	0	4	415	15	2
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9011	4	4	66	3	0
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6907	9	4	215	1	3
WESTMORLAND (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6134	14	0	246	6	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5356	9	9	305	13	6
LEEDS (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5156	11	2	195	12	6
HALIFAX (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5135	12	2	424	0	2
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4670	16	7	538	12	6
SHEFFIELD (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3235	18	1	89	16	6
OLDHAM (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3136	2	0	18	18	0
YORK (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2748	9	1	112	16	6
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2686	17	6	436	7	4
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2423	19	1	21	8	6
BOLTON (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1831	13	0	33	12	0
BLACKBURN (15)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1561	0	0	21	0	0
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1344	6	11	29	7	6
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1315	1	8	52	18	6
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1309	13	6	38	12	0
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1242	10	10	17	6	6
WAKEFIELD (16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	973	15	7	6	16	6
BURY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	923	9	4	12	7	0
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	793	17	6	7	17	6
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	790	15	6	33	9	6
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	759	11	0	14	14	0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	740	2	6	10	10	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	662	7	0	7	12	6
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	517	11	6	29	18	6
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	336	3	0	9	9	0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	326	18	6	14	3	6
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	12	6	12	12	0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262	9	2	14	19	0
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	3	9	16	5	0

June 30th, 1893.

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1300 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq., and £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £625 from Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from the late John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Westmorland Donations include £1000 from Mrs. Bindloss; £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (8) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator) and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (9) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £525 from the late Mr. Arthur Lupton and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (10) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £768 5s. from the late Hanson Ormerod, Esq.
- (11) The Sheffield Donations include £500 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.
- (12) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from the late Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (13) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (14) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (15) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (16) The Wakefield Donations include £250 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.



## TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster,  
Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	276	21	108	184	589
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt ... ..	1	5	6	1	13
2. Make some attempt ... ..	8	6	16	25	55
3. Make a few articulate sounds ... ..	19	3	6	12	40
4. Speak indistinctly ... ..	40	0	20	28	88
5. Speak fairly ... ..	88	5	26	47	166
6. Speak well ... ..	120	2	34	71	227
					589
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words ... ..	87	16	55	65	223
2. Know a few letters... ..	67	4	17	51	139
3. Know at sight a few words ... ..	16	1	9	11	37
4. Know all the letters ... ..	13	0	20	25	58
5. Read easy words and spell them ... ..	45	0	6	14	65
6. Read fairly* ... ..	48	0	1	18	67
					589
* 86 Patients read books alone for amusement.					
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble ... ..	41	17	44	49	151
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate ... ..	74	4	37	68	183
3. Do. do. in copy book ... ..	29	0	10	20	59
4. Form letters in copybook ... ..	21	0	7	15	43
5. Write easy words in copy book ... ..	57	0	6	10	73
6. Write fairly* ... ..	54	0	4	22	80
					589
*85 Patients write letters home with assistance and 36 without assistance. 535 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all ... ..	41	14	41	55	151
2. Count a little ... ..	92	7	36	55	190
3. Count up to 30 ... ..	21	0	13	17	51
4. Understand value of unit figures ... ..	24	0	13	40	77
5. Work simple addition sums ... ..	74	0	4	13	91
6. Work easy sums in simple rules* ... ..	24	0	1	4	29
					589
*9 Boys work sums in the compound rules.					

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON.	276	21	108	184	589
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	112	21	69	96	298
2. Know some of the hours ... ..	48	0	28	44	120
3. Know all the hours ... ..	40	0	2	14	56
4. Know the hours and quarters ... ..	20	0	7	18	45
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes ... ..	12	0	0	6	18
6. Can tell the time to a minute ... ..	44	0	2	6	52
VI. SHOP LESSON.					589
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	73	16	63	81	233
2. Know a few coins ... ..	73	5	30	58	166
3. Do. do. and weights ... ..	37	0	5	12	54
4. Know all the coins and some weights	33	0	6	12	51
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little ... ..	28	0	2	10	40
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...	32	0	2	11	45
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					589
1. Know no colours ... ..	46	15	58	66	185
2. Know black and white ... ..	45	1	14	25	85
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	53	3	10	27	93
4. Know all the simple colours ... ..	43	2	14	28	87
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	48	0	4	14	66
6. Know and can match most compound shades ... ..	41	0	8	24	73
VIII. MUSIC.					589
1. No interest in musical sounds ... ..	0	3	0	0	3
2. Attentive to do. do. ... ..	57	8	21	26	112
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	81	8	32	49	170
4. Do. do. with words ... ..	135	2	48	102	287
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols ... ..	3	0	7	7	17
6. Sing from do. do. ... ..	0	0	0	0	0
IX. DRILL.					589
1. Have no idea of drill ... ..	0	8	8	9	25
2. Stand at attention when told ... ..	25	11	20	31	87
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	46	2	31	22	101
4. Go through extension movements fairly ... ..	113	0	28	49	190
5. Do. do. do. well, and march	55	0	3	11	69
6. Do. do. do. to music ... ..	37	0	18	62	117
					589

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

August 31st, 1893.

TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.						Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.	
Grades of Work.						Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.		
I. TAILORING.											
1. Preliminary Work ... ..						0	0	0	0	0	10 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings ... ..						0	1	0	0	1	
3. Do. Seams ... ..						0	0	1	0	1	
4. Felling ... ..						0	1	2	0	3	
5. Making Garments ... ..						0	0	4	1	5	
6. Machining ... ..						0	0	0	0	0	
II. SHOEMAKING.											
1. Preliminary Work ... ..						1	0	1	0	2	13 Shoemakers.
2. Stitching Backs ... ..						0	0	2	0	2	
3. Closing Sides ... ..						0	0	2	1	3	
4. Patching and Nailing ... ..						0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing ... ..						0	3	0	0	3	
6. Bottoming (making) ... ..						0	2	1	0	3	
III. JOINERY.											
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools) ...						1	6	11	0	18	26 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench ... ..						0	0	1	0	1	
3. Making frames ... ..						0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c. ... ..						0	0	1	0	1	
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.) ...						0	1	0	0	1	
6. Making Furniture ... ..						0	1	1	3	5	
IV. GARDENING.											
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...						5	9	4	4	22	Weed- ing Boys. 16 Gardeners.
2. Barrow filling and emptying ... ..						0	0	4	0	4	
3. Weeding amongst crops ... ..						0	0	0	0	0	
4. Picking peas, fruits, &c. ... ..						0	1	6	0	7	
5. Digging ... ..						1	0	1	0	2	
6. Potato setting, &c. (can also dig)... ..						0	0	2	1	3	
V. OUT-DOOR WORK.											
Miscellaneous Work under Labour Master ... ..						1	7	10	3	+ 21	

† Others employed during haytime, &c.



OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
VI. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	0	0	0	0	0	13 Farm Boys. 0 2 1 1 2 7
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c. ...	0	0	2	0	0	
3. Feeding stock ...	0	0	1	0	0	
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe) ...	0	0	1	0	0	
5. Work with Horses and Carts ...	0	0	1	1	1	
6. Milking, &c ...	1	0	5	1	1	
VII. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c. ...	1	8	13	2	24	25 in Industrial Training Shop. 0 1 0 0 0 0
2. Plaiting Coir ...	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Mat Making ...	0	0	1	0	0	
4. Brush Filling ...	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Palliasse and Mattress Making ...	0	0	0	0	0	
6. Basket Making ...	0	0	0	0	0	
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning ...	2	6	11	3	22	68 miscellaneous employed. 5 18 10 1 1 11 0 (2)
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work ...	0	2	2	1	5	
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ...	0	4	13	1	18	
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy ...	0	0	6	4	10	
5. Assisting Stoker ...	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Assisting Plumber ...	0	1	0	0	1	
7. Assisting Baker ...	0	1	6	4	11	
8. Employed in Office ...	0	0	*2	0	0 (2)	

\* Also otherwise employed.

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... .. 214.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

34 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation); 44 are taught needlework, 34 do Kindergarten work, and 8 make beds.

Twelve Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class ...		4	8	4	1	17
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c, ... ..		9	14	13	0	36
3. Bed-making ... ..		3	8	12	8	31
4. Scrubbing and general house work ...		0	1	6	12	19
5. Laundry-work ... ..		0	3	6	6	15
6. *Sewing and knitting ... ..						

\*In School 36 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 36 hem, 16 sew fairly, 9 sew fairly and knit, and 27 sew, knit, and do wool-work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 101, and 17 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 118 under Industrial Training,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE  
Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved" {	Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
	Much improved	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	8
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	11
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	4
							22	7	29

TABLE  
Showing ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum,  
and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks  
included in the Medical Superintendent's General Report.

AGES On 1st January, 1892.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	36	12	48	1	0	1
10 „ 15 „ ...	164	58	222	4	1	5
15 „ 20 „ ...	152	92	244	2	8	10
20 and upwards ...	82	39	121	0	1	1
	434	201	635	7	10	17

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

## WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &amp;c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
<b>TAILORS.</b>			<b>GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.</b>		
Coats ... ..	219	...	Aprons ... ..	120	430
Trousers ... ..	436	...	Chemises ... ..	64	1983
Vests ... ..	219	...	Collars ... ..	...	1312
Loose Linings... ..	180	...	Drawers... ..	95	3253
	1054	...	Dresses ... ..	81	3115
<b>TAILORESSES.</b>			Feeders ... ..	12	906
Coats ... ..	...	3678	Flannel Petticoats ... ..	37	2514
Overcoats ... ..	...	286	Flannel Vests ... ..	139	2460
Trousers ... ..	...	9604	Hoods ... ..	...	235
Vests ... ..	...	2666	Nightdresses... ..	102	5360
Combinations ... ..	...	72	Nightshirts ... ..	71	...
	...	16306	Pinafores ... ..	119	4416
<b>SHOEMAKERS.</b>			Shirts ... ..	13	2959
Boots ... .. (pairs)	533	2203	Skirts ... ..	49	392
<b>UPHOLSTERERS.</b>			Ulsters ... ..	...	2
Baskets ... ..	...	150		902	29337
Bolsters ... ..	44	216	<b>LINEN ROOM.</b>		
Mats ... ..	2	4	Bolster Slips... ..	121	470
Mattresses... ..	37	382	Blankets... ..	114	365
Palliasses ... ..	...	3	Blinds ... ..	6	41
Wool Beds ... ..	1	5	Counterpanes ... ..	29	438
	84	760	Curtains... ..	...	43
<b>BOYS' WARDROBE.</b>			Pillow Slips ... ..	99	417
Aprons ... ..	...	567	Rugs ... ..	...	30
Caps ... ..	...	137	Sheets ... ..	367	1712
Collars ... ..	...	3430	Table Cloths... ..	32	224
Drawers ... ..	...	4126	Toilet Covers ... ..	12	17
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	2949	Tea Cloths ... ..	122	236
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	467	Towels ... ..	246	633
Nightshirts ... ..	...	4499		1148	4626
Shirts ... ..	...	6137	<b>PLUMBERS.</b>		
Socks and Stockings ... ..	...	5239	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
Jerseys ... ..	...	14	<b>CARPENTERS.</b>		
	...	27565	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
<b>GIRLS' SCHOOL.</b>			<b>PAINTER.</b>		
Aprons ... ..	6	...	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Chemises ... ..	6	...	<b>LAUNDRY.</b>		
Feeders ... ..	90	...	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Flannel Vests ... ..	12	...	Sheets ... ..	51,288	
Pinafores ... ..	68	...	Pinafores ... ..	30,156	
Towels... ..	30	...	Nightshirts ... ..	30,912	
	212	...	Nightdresses ... ..	30,677	
			Other Articles ... ..	452,806	
				595,839	

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY



# EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

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## THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK,

*At the Election Meeting, held at York, May 26th, 1893.*

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Speech of the  
Lord  
Archbishop of  
York.

“The Royal Albert Asylum had been founded, he believed, nearly thirty years. Some of them might remember the former state of affairs when these imbeciles or idiots were allowed to remain at large, living with their families in the crowded streets of a great city, or hovering about the village green. They were left very much to themselves, a terrible trouble to their poor parents, a miserable and wretched lot for themselves, and altogether a great burden upon society. Their life was a very miserable one in many respects, because human nature being what it is they were constantly made the sport of idle boys. A very great advance had been made since they began to look after that class. The first rough and ready remedy applied was to put them into lunatic asylums when they became troublesome to their friends, but that treatment was utterly unsuitable, because the condition of the imbecile was entirely different from that of the lunatic, and they ought not to be associated. A great step forward was taken when the imbeciles were separated from the lunatics, and placed in institutions specially intended for them. It was not only that there was a hope that in this way they would be sheltered from some part of the misery which their unhappy condition entailed upon them, but also that they might be brought within the reach of possible remedies. That was an idea that was entirely strange to their forefathers, but the experience both of the Earlswood and Royal Albert Asylums had shown that in a very considerable number of cases a great deal might be done to remedy the disorder, and in some cases an absolute cure had been effected. He held there were persons who now began their life stamped with this brand of idiocy and imbecility, and who were now actively employed in various pursuits of daily life, being quite undistinguishable from those who were born without the defects from which they had themselves suffered. This was a very blessed result, but in a very large number of cases where there was no cure there had been a great amelioration, and patients who had passed through the Institution had been brought to some condition of usefulness in life. That they had powers of usefulness which were capable of development, was shown by a large number of articles on view in the hall, which had been made by the inmates of the Royal Albert Asylum, and which evidenced a very considerable amount of intelligence, industry, and cleverness of various kinds. Great as were the advances which had been made, there was a still further idea which was now gaining ground, and that was the possibility of finding out by a study of the subject some means—he would not say to root it out from among us altogether, but certainly to diminish to a very large extent the number of imbeciles and to diminish the aggravation of the malady which was found in the patients in their natural condition. This could only be done, of course, by a very careful investigation of the

circumstances and antecedents of those unhappy persons, but the hope was entertained by those well qualified to form a judgment in the matter, that by a larger knowledge of the antecedents of the sufferers, they might learn what were the causes from which this idiocy usually sprung, and be able to do a good deal to prevent its prevalence on such an extended scale as at present. Towards that knowledge institutions such as the Royal Albert Asylum were a very great assistance. Within their walls cases could be studied carefully, and the various fluctuations in the condition of patients, the peculiar characteristics that distinguished different cases, might be noted. Even among idiots and imbeciles there was a very great variety. In some the intellect seemed only to be clouded, a cloud which perhaps a better physical condition might tend in some degree to dispel ; with others, the powers of the mind were so extremely feeble as to be almost incapable of development to any considerable extent. But there was very little doubt that from the study of these cases and their varieties, some very valuable knowledge might be arrived at with regard to the causes which brought about all this misery, and how far they could take preventive steps rather than trust simply to the cure of cases which perhaps had been neglected through long years, and had acquired a kind of hopeless permanence. If they were to look at it merely from a matter of fact point of view, and in a utilitarian aspect, there was every reason why they should all as citizens support such institutions as the Royal Albert Asylum, because they were productive of benefit and blessing to many fellow-citizens born in the unhappy circumstances to which he had alluded. But he desired to remind them, as he ought to do, of the higher point of view. If there was any class of the community which deserved their special sympathy and support, surely it was such a class as this—those who were helpless in themselves, those for whom life had so little brightness, for whom life was, before the institution of these asylums, so absolutely hopeless. The great law of Christian love and charity was to love, not those who deserved it most, but those who needed it most, and it would be hard to find a class who were more entitled to receive their compassion and their help than the class for whom this Institution was intended. He trusted, therefore, that many who had not hitherto contributed towards the support of the Institution, would feel it to be not only their duty but their real happiness to do so, and to take an active and personal interest in the inmates which it sheltered from some of the wrongs and sorrows and miseries of this world. (Applause.)”

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## THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE,

*At the General Annual Meeting at Carlisle, September 28th, 1892.*

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“The treatment of the lunatic and the treatment of the idiot ought to be altogether distinct. He wished we had in the English language two words which amongst the ancients expressly indicated the difference. In the Latin tongue we had the words *amentia* and *dementia* which distinguished the two classes. Idiots and imbeciles came into the world without reason, but lunatics had lost the reason they once possessed, lost, it might be, through their own sin. Lunatics were a dangerous class, but the other class

Speech of the  
Lord Bishop of  
Carlisle.



were suffering in many instances for the sins of those who went before them, and were a harmless class. He could not but think they ought in justice and in fairness to make the distinction clear. Our forefathers had a much more kindly feeling towards the class for which he pleaded. They described them as "naturals" and "innocents" and on the continent "cretins," a word supposed to be derived from Christian, a class of people who were thought not capable of committing sin, who were, so to speak, guileless, and in their misfortunes in the special charge of Christ. It would be, he believed, as the late Bishop and several of the members of this Committee argued, a great matter if in this country when we thought of those idiots and imbeciles we described them as being feeble-minded. That word was used in America, and was much more gentle and true than the word by which they were commonly known. The reason why he insisted on the difference was that the treatment of the feeble-minded or the idiots was one that was totally distinct from that of lunatics, and in the papers of the Society for this very year they would find that there was a certain amount of medical testimony to show that there could be no greater misfortune than to confine the idiot with the lunatic and bring them up together. They ought to be separated, and no form of treatment could repay them better than that which the idiots received at the Albert Asylum. A certain proportion of them were returned to society and another large proportion were able to contribute to their own maintenance, and it was said on authority that there was only about 6 per cent. who did not in any way repay the care and skill bestowed upon them. When he put those facts before them he felt that this was not merely a philanthropic or sentimental meeting, but they recognised that they were doing a good work on which the blessing of God rested, and which enabled them to bring comfort into many a home where there was much darkness and sorrow and suffering. Before he came here he received a letter from a gentleman well known in Carlisle to ask him to plead that more should be done for the removal of the poor children of this class from the homes in which they lived; and the other night, Mr. Hibbert presiding at a meeting of the Poor Law Union Conference, made a valuable speech in which he showed there was everything to be thankful for in the decline of the pauper class. That class was being reduced steadily year by year, but unfortunately as regarded the class of the insane that was rising in startling proportions. In 1858 the number of the insane which had to be provided for out of the poor rate was 29,900; ten years later it was 42,000; in 1878 they had grown to 71,000; and in the return for 1892 the class of the insane had grown to 76,700. The cost had grown in proportion. In 1859 the cost of the insane out of the rates was £377,000, and last year it was £1284,000. Here was a difficult problem, of which there were different explanations given. Some said that this condition of insanity arose out of the way in which we lived; there was so much worry and hurry, the result very much of the telegraph and telephone. All those things which constituted modern civilization had much to do with modern insanity. It was now impossible to live a quiet life as our forefathers did in the days of the stage coaches. There were others who said that drunkenness had very much to do with the growth of insanity. There was one feature which was rather hopeful, and it was that those figures did not represent the actual increase of insanity. It was said that those who were insane were now by the application of the stringent workhouse test brought to the front, and we knew the whole state of the case. What he urged was that the idiots who were associating with lunatics in the workhouse ought not to be in the workhouse, but in the Royal Albert Asylum or other institutions of the same character. Therefore in the interests of those children, in the interests of the workhouse inmates, in the interests of the parents of those children, he pleaded that to-day they would give a more liberal support to this Royal Albert Asylum. Every time an election took place there



were children who could not be admitted. It was in each case a great misfortune, and if they only realised the greatness of this work, he believed that the amount of support given would be greater than it now was. It was a touching fact that the poor people for whom he pleaded had minds which had not been developed. It had been said, very beautifully, that after all they themselves were akin to those poor people, for there was no one on this platform, however able, who had not recognised in his own experience that his own faculties were limited, that there were problems he could not solve and questions he could not grasp. There was no one who was not living under a Statute of Limitations; they knew that their powers were limited. In those cases where the powers had not been developed, and needed to be awakened, and where being once awakened there was a response, let them do what they could to produce that result. It was a great thing to put on canvas the lineaments of a man, or pourtray the human figure in marble, but it seemed to him that those who with loving care year after year undertook the charge of those children, and watched patiently until they evoked sympathy and sent them forth sensible men and women, were doing a good work, and there could be no higher reward than that those who had arrived in a new world with new powers should be able to recognise their benefactors. With all earnestness he would do what he could to take the place of the late Bishop, and God grant that they might all in their respective ways do what they could to give support to this Royal Albert Institution. (Applause.)"

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# LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

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- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Dean of Llandaff, and Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Armour, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell, the late, (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. H. Barnacle, Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- Rev. P. Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. W. Mardon Beeby, Burngreave Congregational Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, (London), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. G. Shaw Briggs, Salem Congregational Church, Otley.
- Rev. W. Barlow Brown (Edgeworth, Bolton), Earlsheaton Wesleyan Church, Dewsbury.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. E. W. Chapman, (Brighton), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.

- Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, M.A., (Walkington, Beverley), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. E. Dothie (Brighton), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw (the late). at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. Vickers English, at Warton Parish Church, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Fleming (the late), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Flood, (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
- Rev. E. Green (the late), All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. F. W. Greenhow, East Keswick Church, Leeds.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe; also at Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby, Vicar; and at the Parish Church, Lancaster, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Rowley Hill, (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Parish Church, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
- Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.
- Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hornby (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green, (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.



- Rev. T. H. Irving, St. Paul's Church, Lindale-in-Cartmel.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster ;  
Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
- Rev. Wm. C. Kewish, (Lancaster), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge,  
Manchester.
- Rev. P. C. Kidd (the late), Parish Church, Skipton.
- Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. Peter Knowles, at Warton Parish Church and Priest Hutton Licensed  
Room, Carnforth ; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
- Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford-Leigh, Manchester.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- The Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich, at the Parish Church,  
Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at  
Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
- Rev. Canon Maclure, (now Dean of Manchester), Holy Trinity Church,  
Habergham Eaves, Burnley ; also at St. Mary's Parish Church Lancaster  
the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, (Newark), Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. W. W. Mote (Henham, Essex), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
- Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. L. Pain, (the late), St. John's Church, Silverdale ; also at Warton  
Church, Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
- Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
- Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
- Rev. Wilson Pedder (the late), Churchtown Church, Garstang.
- Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
- Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.

Rev. W. E. Pryke, at the Parish Church, Lancaster,—Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar ; at Warton Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar of Warton.

Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.

Rev. C. O. L. Riley, (Preston), Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar.

Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.

Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.

Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.

Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.

Rev. R. N. Sharpe, St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.

Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.

Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale ; the Rev. Canon Ware (now Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness), Vicar.

Rev. Wm. Sleigh, St. John's Church, Silverdale.

Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.

Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.

Rev. W. Smith, Shadwell Church, Leeds.

Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.

Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.

Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creaser, St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool ; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.

Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.

Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.

Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.

Rev. C. C. Tyte (the late), Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.

Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.

Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.

Rev. E. White (the late), Quernmore Church, Lancaster.

Rev. W. Stuart White, Parish Church, Esh, Durham ; also at All Saints' Eshwinning, and Ushaw Moor, Durham.

Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.

Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.

Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester.

Rev. A. Woods, at Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands ; Rev. J. Hammersley, Vicar.

Rev. John Wordsworth, Gosforth Church, Gosforth.

Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

## PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR

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- A Friend, per Miss Pice, Widnes, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 A Friend, Sheffield, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 A Lady Friend, Liverpool, £2 for Christmas Tree.  
 Ainley, Mrs., Selby, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Allen, Mrs., The Laurels, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Anonymous, Two Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Arensberg, L., Bradford, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Argles, T. A., Milnthorpe, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Bagnall and Wilcock, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.  
 Barnes, John, Preston, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Barnes, Miss, Carlisle, Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Miss, Dalton Square, Lancaster, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Mrs., Southport, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Bective, The Countess of, Underley Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, Knitted Woollen Balls and Knitted Reins.  
 Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, Parcel of Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Bindloss, Mrs. (Mayoress of Kendal), Toys, Balls, Dolls, Christmas Cards, Woollen Articles, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Blades, Mrs., Parkfield, Lancaster, Sweets and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Bolton, Miss Winnie, Brixton, London, Dolls for Christmas Tree.  
 Bond, Miss, Oakbank, Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, and Balls for Christmas Tree.  
 Broderick, Mrs., Farnley, Scarves, Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Browne, G. Buckston, Preston, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Cable, J., Manchester, 7s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Capstick, Mrs., Stonewell, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Chadwick, Mrs., Burnley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Chadwick, Mrs., Oldham, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Chaine, Miss M., Lancaster, 5s. for Recreation Fund.  
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, Fancy Boxes, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Cobden-Sanderson, Mrs., Children of, Hampstead, 18 Scrap Books.  
 Collinge, Mrs., Burnley, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Craven, J., Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Crossley, Mrs. D. J., Hebden Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Davis, Mrs., New Street, Lancaster, Dolls, Games, Pictures, and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Dickson, Mrs., Newcastle-on-Tyne, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3,250 Bulbs of various kinds.  
 Diggins, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Duff, Miss, Morecambe, Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.  
 Ellerby, Mrs., Pickering, 3s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Foster, Mrs., Hornby Castle, Lancaster, Large Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Friends at Southport, per Edwin Vincent, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Gilchrist, Councillor, Lancaster, Large Photograph—Portrait Group of International Congress of Hygiene, 1891.  
 Green, Thomas, Otley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Greenwood, Mrs., Bolton, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Greg, Albert, Caton, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Hadwen, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys and Basket of Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Hall, William, Market Street, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.  
 Handley, H., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Happold, F., Penny Street, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Hartley, Mrs., Morecambe, £1 1s. for Recreation Fund.  
 Heawood, C., Heaton Norris, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Hetherington, George (R.A.A.), Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.  
 Heyworth, Mrs. R. H., Manchester, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Hibbert, Right Hon. Sir John T., K.C.B., M.P., Grange-over-Sands, £1 for Christmas Tree.



- Hibbert, Lady, Grange-over-Sands, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Higgin, W. H., Q.C. (the late), and Mrs. Higgin, Southport, Barrel of Apples and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Hill, Albert, Halifax, Glass Drawing Slates, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hind, Rev. J., Bolton, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Holder, Mrs., Hull, the "Cottager and Artisan."
- Hunter, Mrs., Barrow, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Huntington, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Dolls, Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hurst, Mrs. Richard, Rochdale, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchence, W. G., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Rev. T. R., Bentham, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, Mounted Pictures and £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Jefferson, Rev. N., Hull, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Mrs., Northwich, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Edward, Market Street, Lancaster, Ornaments, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Miss, Lancaster, Fancy Needlework for School.
- Johnson, Chr., F.R.C.S., Lancaster, Figure of Red Riding Hood for Christmas Tree.
- Kelsall, George, Manchester, Books for Christmas Tree.
- Kynnersley, Mrs., Ironbridge, £2 2s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lancaster and Skerton Co-operative Society, a Case of Oranges. Box of Sweets, and Parcels of Nuts for Christmas Tree.
- Lonsdale, A., Blackburn, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lupton, W., Halifax, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- McAdam, John, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Macdonald, Mrs., Clougha View, Lancaster, Children's Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- McRaith, A., New Street, Lancaster, Fancy Materials for Costumes, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Marsden, Mrs., Winster, Windermere, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Marsh, Mrs., Preston, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Mashiter, The Misses, Cheapside, Lancaster, Toys, Cards, Fancy Articles, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Maxsted, Mrs., Lancaster, Costume, Fans, Artificial Flowers, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Maxsted, Miss G., Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Maynard, Rev. T. F., Gressingham, Almonds and Raisins for Christmas Tree.
- Millington, G., Lancaster, Puzzles, Books, and Games for Christmas Tree.
- Milner, E. and J. L., Lancaster, Parcel of Books for Christmas Tree.
- Morland & Ayrton, Lancaster, 18 Pieces of Orchestral Band Music.
- Nelson, Mrs., Birkenhead, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Nelstrop, Mrs., Pontefract, Dolls, Scrap Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Newsome, Mrs., Bardsey, Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Nickson, J., Blackpool, Two Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Paget, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pain, Miss, Silverdale, Scrap Book; also Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Parks, Mrs., Liverpool, 15s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pice, Mrs., Widnes, Toy Piano, Picture Book and Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Parcel of Graphics, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Piercey, Mrs., Higher Kinnerton, 4s. for Christmas Tree.
- Preston, J. T., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Prichard, Mrs., Chester, Balls and Toys.
- Pye, W. and J., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Radley, Mrs., Morecambe, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Ramsbotham, Dr., Leeds, Toys, Dolls, Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, J. Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, Two Ducks and two Fowls for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, F. Gerald S., Thorpe, Halifax £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Religious Tract Society, per Rev. H. W. Smith, Lancaster, Books, Pictures, Cards, and Mottoes for Christmas Tree.
- Reynolds and Branson, Leeds, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Richardson, Alfred (ex-pupil of the R. A. A.), Workington, Box of Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Robson, Mrs., Newcastle-on-Tyne, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, Mrs., Castle Park, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Saville, Mr., Leeds, Toys for Christmas Tree.

- Shand, W., Lancaster, Mistletoe for Christmas Tree.  
 Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Boxes of Stationery for Christmas Tree.  
 Sherson, The Misses, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree ; also 63 lbs. of Pears.  
 Simpson, Matthew, Lancaster, Illustrated Christmas Papers.  
 Simpson, Mrs., Kendal, Woollen Shawls, Scarves, Jackets, Mittens, Caps, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Slack, James, Fence Houses, 3s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Slater, J. G., Bradford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Slinger, The Misses, Whitecross Cottage, Lancaster, Woollen Ties, Mitts, Balls, Storm Caps, etc., for Christmas Tree.  
 Smith, Dr. Telford (R.A.A.), Lancaster, Tools for Wood-Carving.  
 Smith, T. D. and Son, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Smith, S., Bradford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Starkie, Mrs., Ashton Hall, Lancaster, Packet of Christmas Cards.  
 Starling, Mrs., Leeds, Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Stevenson, Mrs., Ashby-de-la-Zouch, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Stewart, Mrs. W., Laurel Bank, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Storey, Lady, Westfield House, Lancaster, Large Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Storey, Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, 50 lbs. of Tea.  
 Storey, Mrs. Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Swindells, John, Grove Bank, Scotforth, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Tennant, Mrs., South Road, Lancaster, Dolls, &c. for Christmas Tree.  
 Todd, the Misses, Regent Street, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, and Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Tuck, Raphael and Sons, London, per Alderman Kitchen, Mayor of Lancaster, Copies of the Queen's Letter and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Tucker, John, Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Umpleby, Mrs., Snaith, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Vincent, Edwin, Southport, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Wearing, Mrs., Hillside, Lancaster, Bags of Marbles for Christmas Tree.  
 Welch, Dr., Shefferlands, Halton, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.  
 Whitley, Charles T., Warrington, Club-foot Instruments.  
 Wickern, Miss, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wigley, J. M., Market Street, Lancaster, Pictures, Frames, Writing Cases, Games, Christmas Cards, &c for Christmas Tree ; also a Framed Picture "An Interval of Business."  
 Wilcox, Master Louis (R. A. A.), Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.  
 Wilson, Miss, Kendal, Toys, Bags of Marbles, Crackers, Christmas Cards, Chinese Lanterns, Woollen Articles of Clothing, &c. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wilson, C., Leeds, Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
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 Wrigley, Mrs., and Miss Wrigley, Windermere, Toys, Pictures, Books, Dolls, Christmas Cards, Texts, &c for Christmas Tree.  
 "X.Y.Z." Lancaster, Leather Toy Reins for Christmas Tree.



# CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

## ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Household-ers' Schedules at the Census of 1881 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
16,105.	16,612.	32,717.

*The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—*

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE ... ..	1911	1798	3709
YORKSHIRE ... ..	1414	1489	2903
DURHAM ... ..	292	322	614
CHESHIRE ... ..	376	382	758
NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..	258	228	486
CUMBERLAND ... ..	106	103	209
WESTMORLAND ... ..	40	45	85
Total of the District ... ..	4397	4367	8764

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Household-ers' Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that at the Census of 1871 the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent. of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20, returned in the Seven Northern Counties at the Census of 1881 was 2422. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1881):—

Name.	Population	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,974,439	32717	794	25·2
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	8,627,156	8764	984	20·3
LANCASHIRE ... ..	3,485,819	3709	940	21·2
YORKSHIRE ... ..	2,894,759	2903	997	20·0
DURHAM ... ..	875,166	614	1425	14·0
CHESHIRE ... ..	622,365	758	821	24·3
NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..	434,086	486	893	22·4
CUMBERLAND ... ..	250,647	209	1199	16·7
WESTMORLAND ... ..	64,314	85	757	26·4

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.



# LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

## LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Accrington... ..	1	Ormskirk ... ..	2
Ashton-in-Makerfield ... ..	1	Oswaldtwistle ... ..	1
Ashton-under-Lyne... ..	3	Prescot, Liverpool ... ..	3
Barrow-in-Furness ... ..	3	Preston ... ..	11
Bedford-Leigh ... ..	7	Quernmore, Lancaster ... ..	1
Bolton-le-Moors ... ..	13	Reddish Green ... ..	1
Blackburn ... ..	6	Radcliffe ... ..	3
Blundell Sands, Liverpool ... ..	1	Rawtenstall ... ..	1
Burnley ... ..	8	Ribchester, Preston ... ..	1
Bury ... ..	3	Rixton, Warrington ..	1
Caton, Lancaster ... ..	1	Rochdale ... ..	8
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors... ..	3	Royton, Oldham ... ..	1
Garstang ... ..	2	Seaforth, Liverpool... ..	1
Garston, Liverpool ... ..	1	St. Helens... ..	5
Grange-over-Sands ... ..	1	Southport ... ..	4
Harwood, Bolton-le-Moors ... ..	1	Stalybridge ... ..	2
Hornby ... ..	1	Todmorden, Rochdale ... ..	2
Lancaster ... ..	9	Ulverston ... ..	2
Liverpool ... ..	55	Warrington ... ..	2
Longridge, Preston... ..	1	Widnes ... ..	2
Manchester and Salford... ..	68	Wigan... ..	6
Middleton, Manchester ... ..	3		
Nelson ... ..	2		
Oldham ... ..	23		

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## CHESHIRE.

Alderley Edge ... ..	1	Macclesfield ... ..	3
Alsager ... ..	1	Marbury ... ..	1
Altrincham ... ..	1	Mickle Trafford ... ..	1
Birkenhead ... ..	6	Mobberley... ..	1
Bunbury ... ..	1	New Brighton ... ..	1
Chester ... ..	16	Northwich ... ..	3
Crewe ... ..	1	Sale ... ..	2
Disley ... ..	1	Seacombe ... ..	1
Dukinfield ... ..	1	Siddington... ..	1
Higher Kinnerton ... ..	1	Stalybridge ... ..	1
Hyde ... ..	1	Stockport ... ..	3
Knutsford ... ..	2	West Kirby ... ..	1
Latchford ... ..	1		
Liscard ... ..	1		
Lymm... ..	1		

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## YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Addingham, Skipton .. .. .	1	Middlesbrough .. .. .	1
Baildon, Bradford .. .. .	1	Middleton, Leeds .. .. .	1
Barnoldswick, Skipton .. .. .	1	Newlay, Leeds... .. .	1
Barnsley .. .. .	2	Normanton .. .. .	1
Bentham .. .. .	2	Northallerton .. .. .	1
Bingley, Bradford .. .. .	1	Otley .. .. .	1
Boroughbridge... .. .	1	Pickering .. .. .	2
Bradford .. .. .	11	Pudsey .. .. .	1
Brighouse, Halifax .. .. .	2	Queensbury, Bradford .. .. .	1
Burley-in-Wharfedale, Bradford .. .. .	1	Rastrick, Halifax .. .. .	2
Conisborough .. .. .	2	Redcar .. .. .	1
Dewsbury .. .. .	2	Richmond .. .. .	2
Doncaster .. .. .	5	Ripponden, Halifax .. .. .	1
Easingwold .. .. .	1	Rodley, Leeds .. .. .	1
East Keswick, Leeds .. .. .	1	Rossington, Doncaster .. .. .	1
Farnley, Leeds... .. .	1	Rotherham .. .. .	5
Goole .. .. .	6	Saltaire, Bradford .. .. .	1
Guisborough .. .. .	1	Scarborough .. .. .	2
Halifax .. .. .	9	Scissett, Huddersfield .. .. .	1
Harrogate .. .. .	1	Selby .. .. .	1
Hebden Bridge, Halifax... .. .	1	Shadwell, Leeds .. .. .	1
Heptonstall, Halifax .. .. .	1	Sheffield .. .. .	7
Heworth, York... .. .	1	Shipley, Bradford .. .. .	3
Huddersfield .. .. .	9	Skipton .. .. .	1
Hull .. .. .	5	Snaith, Selby .. .. .	2
Keighley .. .. .	4	Wakefield .. .. .	2
Knaresbro' .. .. .	1	Wentworth, Rotherham... .. .	1
Leeds .. .. .	28	Wilberfoss, York .. .. .	1
Lightcliffe, Halifax .. .. .	1	York .. .. .	8
Liversedge .. .. .	1		
Marske-by-the-Sea .. .. .	1		
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## DURHAM.

Barnard Castle... .. .	1	Jarrow... .. .	2
Bishop Auckland .. .. .	2	New Shildon .. .. .	2
Coxhoe .. .. .	1	Ravensworth .. .. .	1
Croxdale .. .. .	1	Seaham Harbour .. .. .	1
Darlington... .. .	4	Shincliffe .. .. .	1
Durham .. .. .	3	South Shields .. .. .	2
Easington .. .. .	2	Stockton .. .. .	3
Esh, Durham .. .. .	1	Sunderland .. .. .	6
Felling... .. .	1	West Hartlepool .. .. .	2
Fence Houses .. .. .	1	Whickham... .. .	1
Gateshead... .. .	6	Wingate .. .. .	1
Hartlepool... .. .	2		
Haswell .. .. .	1		
Heighington .. .. .	1		
Hunstanworth .. .. .	1		
			50

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alnwick .. .. .	2	Tynemouth .. .. .	2
Berwick .. .. .	2	Wooler .. .. .	1
Capheaton .. .. .	1	Whitfield .. .. .	1
Morpeth .. .. .	1		
Newcastle-on-Tyne... .. .	5		
North Shields .. .. .	4		
			19

# CUMBERLAND.

	No.		No.
Carlisle ... ..	7	Silloth... ..	1
Cockermouth ... ..	3	Stapleton ... ..	1
Gosforth ... ..	1	Wigton ... ..	2
Holm Rook ... ..	1		
Irthington ... ..	1		
Moor Row ... ..	1		
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# WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside ... ..	1	Whale Lowther ... ..	1
Kendal ... ..	2	Winster, Windermere ... ..	1
Kirkby Stephen ... ..	1		
Lowther ... ..	1		
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# SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE ... ..	277
YORKSHIRE ... ..	159
CHESHIRE... ..	55
DURHAM ... ..	50
NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..	19
CUMBERLAND... ..	18
WESTMORLAND ... ..	7
	<hr/> 585
OTHER COUNTIES ... ..	4
TOTAL... ..	<hr/> 589



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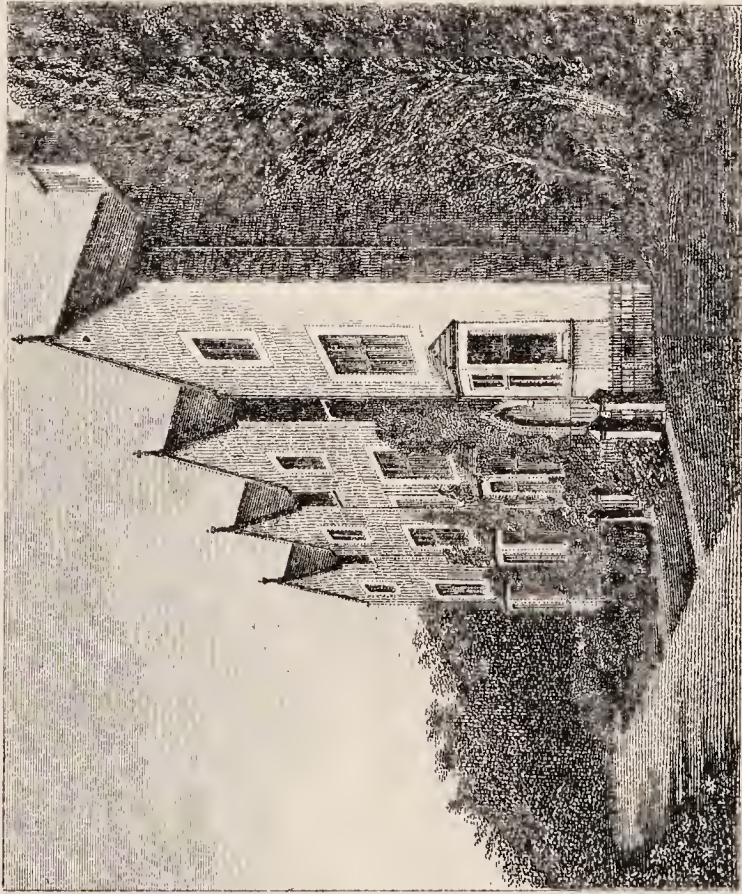
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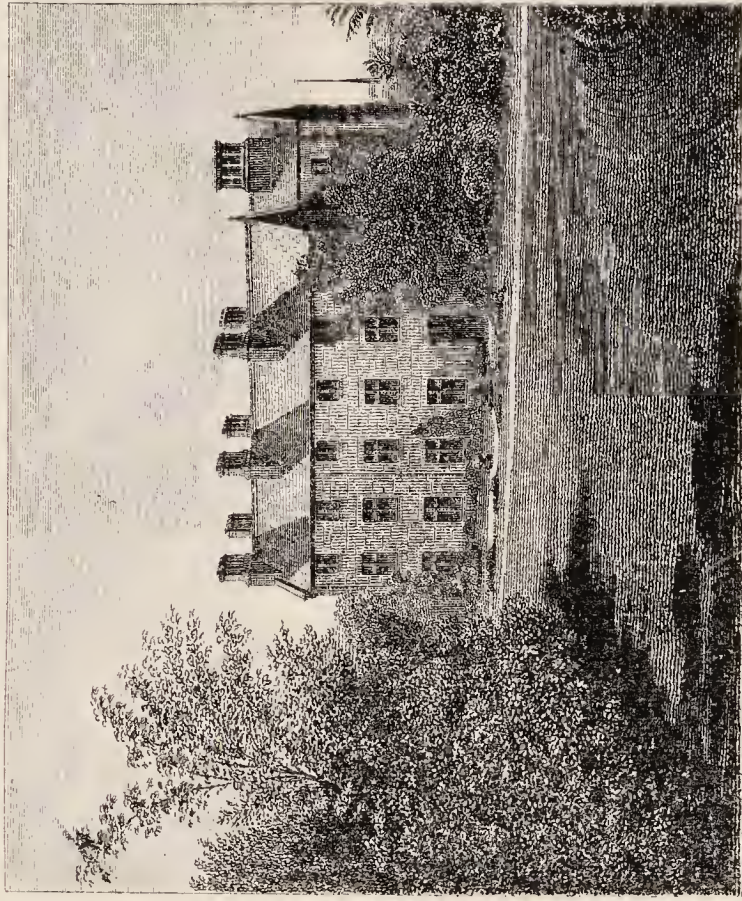
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